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British and US anger as Algerians let hijack gang slip to freedom

Hostage deal gives gunmen safe passage

● Algeria was under fire last night for allowing the deal that freed the 31 hostages on board the Kuwaiti jumbo jet but allowed the gunmen to go free

● The Government expressed anger that the hijackers would not be brought to justice and Western airlines could halt all flights to Algiers in protest

● Mrs Thatcher said in a statement that if terrorists are allowed to escape unpunished, it will lead only to more hijacking and more hostage-taking

● The American Secretary of State, Mr George Shultz, referred to the hijackers as murderers and said letting them go free violated international standards

From Robert Fisk, Algiers

The Kuwaitis, Algerians, the PLO and the Libyans all collaborated on the deal that freed the hostages aboard the Kuwait Airways jumbo jet here yesterday, according to Arab diplomatic sources.

Safe passage to the country of their choice for the seven gunmen on board — who murdered two of their Kuwaiti captives in Cyprus last week — was promised in return for the release unharmed of all 31 passengers and crew.

In fact, the hijackers were smuggled off the plane at Algiers airport early yesterday, even before the hostages were allowed to leave. The gunmen were driven from the plane one at a time by Algerian officials and are believed — despite a statement to the contrary by the Algerians — to have left the country shortly afterwards aboard an Algerian Antonov military aircraft.

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They are thought to have travelled first to Libya before continuing their journey; they have asked to go to Iran or Lebanon; sources here say that they will probably travel to west Beirut via Damascus once they have left Libya.

The deal for the hijackers' freedom in return for the passengers was struck at a face-to-face meeting between the gunmen and the Algerian Foreign Minister Mr Ahmed Taleb Ibrahimi when he boarded the hijack plane at the weekend immediately after arriving by air from a personal meeting in Tripoli with Colonel Gadaffi of Libya.

An authoritative Kuwaiti source here said that the Emir of Kuwait had knowingly and willingly agreed to the arrangements for the hijackers' freedom in return for the release of the remaining passengers and aircraft crew. In Kuwait's view, its refusals to concede to the gunmen's demands to free 17 prisoners belonging to the Islamic Jihad movement means that Kuwait has stood firm against the hijackers' blackmail. Kuwait regards the deal for the gunmen's freedom as being a private Algerian arrangement, even though this is not how it will be seen outside the Arab world.

Freedom for the hijackers was an essential part of the formula drawn up by Palestine Liberation Organization officials, when the Kuwaiti airliner was at Larnaca last week. Mr Yassir Arafat, the PLO chairman — who has little love for the gunmen's cause but who sorely needs Kuwait's political support — gave his personal imprimatur to the agreement, on condition that the 31 remaining passengers were left unharmed and freed in Algiers.

The release of the hostages at dawn yesterday was preceded by a piece of carefully rehearsed theatre in which both the Algerian authorities and the hijackers co-operated to fool watching journalists as to the fate of the gunmen. A late-night statement from the hijackers — announcing that they would make a gift to "the Kuwaiti people" — appears to have been a tape recording designed to give the impression that the gunmen were still negotiating with control tower officials at Algiers airport.

Just before 4am, at least one passenger saw the hijackers moving towards an exit door on the aircraft and a few minutes later — with the terminal lights switched off — correspondents at the airport could just see groups of Algerian policemen around the plane. It was the hijacker's police escort arriving to take them away.

Western diplomats here in Algiers were astonished yesterday at the turn of events, as well they might be. For several days, the American and other Western embassies, apparently intoxicated by their own view of Arab "steadfastness" against the hijackers, had briefed foreign correspondents — with much confidence but total inaccuracy — along the line that the hijacking could continue for many more days. For their part, the Algerians regard yesterday's events as a humanitarian vic-

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Walking to freedom: Smiling but exhausted, hostages leave the hijacked Kuwait Airways jet at Algiers airport yesterday

National lottery to fund hospitals

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Plans to be announced today for a national lottery to support the hospital service are likely to embarrass the Government.

Backed by the National Hospital Trust, a charitable body, and run by the LOTO consultancy, the scheme plans to have an initial annual turnover of about £150 million with prizes of up to £200,000.

Proceeds distributed through the English health districts and Scottish hospital boards are expected to provide hospitals with about £40 million. More than five million homes are to receive promotional literature and the first prize draw will be conducted on television on May 25.

The dilemma for the Government is that while Mrs Thatcher and her health ministers have urged district authorities and the health service to do all they can to raise extra funds the Government has hitherto opposed the idea of a national lottery.

The law permits local authorities to run lotteries with a maximum prize of £2,000, which rises to £6,000 if they are registered with the Gaming Board. But the turnover in such lotteries has declined from £92 million some years ago to only £4 million or so today. Professional fund-raisers say that is because those who might participate in lotteries require the lure of a big prize.

The new hospital lottery scheme plans to offer bigger prizes by amalgamating prizes in a series of technically separate lotteries in each of more than 200 health districts.

The organizers have been advised in Whitehall that their scheme operates against the spirit of present legislation, which does not provide for a national lottery, but that it does not actually break the law. Legislation would be required to stop what they are planning. And that is where the problem for the Government comes in.

The Home Office, which is responsible for gambling legislation, has long been opposed to the idea

Mrs Thatcher has been approached informally about the idea and said that she found it interesting. The Department of Health and Social Security is understood to be reluctant to endorse it and Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, lukewarm.

But at a time when hospitals are crying out for funds and when the Government is urging health authorities to seek alternative sources of revenue there would be considerable political difficulty in any attempt to stamp down on the operation of the new lottery.

Nurses get their 12% pay rise

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

The Cabinet is expected this morning to award Britain's 500,000 nurses a pay rise of 12 per cent, twice that on offer to other public sector workers.

Conservative MPs are confident that Ministers will also authorize the Chancellor to dip into his £3.5 billion contingency reserve to the tune of some £500 million in order to fund the pay increases without straining health authority budgets.

There is widespread acceptance among senior Ministers that any other course would be political folly at this time and would lead to a backbench rebellion which would dwarf those already seen on health charges and the poll tax.

Pay awards to nurses have on occasion in the past been held up or implemented only in part. But Ministers concede the political imperative of a generous award this year, together with its funding from the contingency reserve. Since the nurses were given a 9.5 per cent award last year with an election looming, funded all but for £30 million, there would be an uproar if they were to cut back this year on the independent pay review body's recommendation.

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Many MPs have made it clear to the Whips that the Government must be generous on this point, especially after a Budget which gave tax concessions to the better off and after the Government's refusal on the poll tax to make special concessions for student nurses.

Ministers at the DHSS are also anxious to buy time for the Government to conclude its review of National Health Service operations and structure in a less fractious atmosphere.

The cash limits for the DHSS budget for 1988-89 allow some £250 million for the pay rises for nurses and allied professions, whereas the pay review body's award would cost some £750 million. If the Government failed to meet that shortfall while accepting the pay award, then further hospital ward and bed closures and further medical service cuts would be inevitable.

Along with the review body's report on nurses pay, the Cabinet will today consider four others covering doctors and dentists; professions allied to medicine like radiologists and physiotherapists; the Armed Services and senior civil servants, and judges and other "top people". All are due to be published with the Government's conclusions this afternoon unless there are last-minute problems in the Cabinet.

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Whitehall hints at Algiers sanctions

By Andrew McEwen and Robin Oakley

Amid British Government anger over fears that the Kuwait Airways hijackers may go free, strong hints were given yesterday that international action against Algeria will be considered.

All flights to Algeria by the world's seven most powerful Western nations could be stopped if Algiers failed to prosecute them, sources said.

The talk reflected the Government's anger and frustration over the Algerian authorities' reluctance to reveal the terms of a deal with the hijackers. Meanwhile, the Kuwaiti Government is understood to have told Britain that the deal was between Algiers and the hijackers, and that it does not have all the details.

In Algiers, official sources said that the gunmen involved in the hijack slipped out of the rear door of the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747 before the 31 hostages were freed.

Western diplomatic sources said that several of the seven Western nations, including Britain, gave Algeria what amounted to a warning before the deal was concluded.

They drew Algiers' attention to a declaration on hijacking made by the US, the UK, Japan, Canada, West Germany, France and Italy at Bonn in July, 1978. It said: "Where a country refuses the ... prosecution of those who have hijacked an aircraft ... the (Summit Seven) Governments shall take immediate action to cease all flights to that country ... (and) will initiate action to halt all incoming flights from that country."

Whitehall sources said that the Government would seek discussions among the seven,

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Poll tax rebellion

Ridley makes concessions

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Two significant concessions were yesterday made in an attempt to head off another Conservative backbench revolt tonight on the community charge.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said he was prepared to extend the five-year transitional period for the introduction of the uniform business rate. The other concession is for small firms.

However, up to 20 Conservative MPs are expected to vote against the Government or to abstain, and fears are growing among the Government whips that there will be another substantial rebellion on Monday when the community charge Bill receives its third reading.

At a meeting attended by representatives of the Confederation of British Industry, the Institute of Directors and the Association of British Chambers of Commerce Mr Ridley, accompanied by Mr Michael Howard, the Minister for Local Government, said he would take powers in the Local Government Finance Bill to enable the business rate transitional period to be extended "if necessary."

Tonight in the Commons Mr Ridley will announce that the maximum yearly increases to be faced by small businesses will be 5 per cent lower than that to be paid by larger firms.

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The provision in the Bill to take business rates out of the control of local authorities and to introduce a national, government-set rate will mean that the thrifty Conservative authorities, with lower business rates, may have to subsidize other areas which previously had higher business rates.

This has infuriated many Conservative MPs, particularly in the South-east. Businesses in many areas face massive rises.

To mitigate the effects Mr Ridley had already agreed to set an annual ceiling on increases during the transitional period. Until the current business revaluation, which takes effect in 1990, is completed, Mr Ridley is not in a position to say what that annual figure will be, government sources said yesterday.

Mr Ridley's concessions will assuage some Conservative MPs but the whips were last night still expecting a sizeable revolt. They also expect the number voting against the Government after Monday's third reading debate to be higher than the 17 who opposed the second reading last December.

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Gorbachov fighting his toughest power battle

From Christopher Walker
Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov is locked in the most serious power struggle since he took over as Soviet leader in 1985, and the ramifications are threatening to overshadow the Moscow summit due to open at the end of May.

According to both diplomatic and Soviet sources, the struggle centres on Mr Gorbachov and his faithful lieutenant, Mr Aleksandr Yakovlev, the shrewd Kremlin propaganda chief and leading reformer, who are pitted against conservatives, led by Mr Yegor Ligachov, the Kremlin number two, and General Viktor Chebrikov, aged 64, the KGB chief.

Despite today's opening of pre-summit negotiations between the Soviet and American foreign ministers, Moscow's rumour mill is obsessed with the domestic battle for the future of the reform drive, and the prospect that it may provoke personnel changes before or after the June All-Union party conference, the first of its kind since 1941.

The first key hint of the severity of the rift came earlier this month when *Sovetskaya Rossiya*, a popular official daily, was savaged by *Pravda* for publishing an anti-reformist, pro-Stalinist diatribe — inspired, if not actually written, by Ligachov aides.

In the wake of *Pravda's* broadside on April 5 — reprinted in an extraordinary forced public humiliation by *Sovetskaya Rossiya* — a steady stream of revelations about the Stalin era have begun to appear, at the same time as articles linking admirers of the dictator with opposition to the current reforms.

A decision on Tuesday night by Mr Viktor Karpov, the head of the influential Soviet Writers' Union, to appear on the main television news explaining why his organization had not signed a joint pro-reform letter printed in *Pravda* on Monday, from the other cultural unions, was seen as a sign that the anti-conservative faction was in the ascendant.

Mr Karpov, regarded as a conservative, was anxious to convince viewers that his 10,000-strong union was just as reformist as the others but had wanted to express its views in a separate letter published in *Pravda*.

The letters from the unions were all prompted by the April 5 article in which *Pravda* warned that enemies of Mr Gorbachov (every reader I have asked has immediately identified their leader as Mr Ligachov) were trying to revise party decisions on the sly.

Mr Gorbachov has pledged that the Moscow conference at the end of June will discuss "far-reaching restructuring of the political superstructure", and it is no secret that he hopes to remove dead wood from the party's 307-member Central Committee.

One experienced European envoy said yesterday: "My money is still on Gorbachov to beat off the challenge. But as a leading Soviet reformer has already pointed out, without a drastic improvement in the availabilty of basic goods and food, *perestroika* may in the end be doomed."

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Church launches inner city fund

The Church of England could help to achieve "miracles for morale and local pride" in urban priority areas through its new Church Urban Fund, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, said at a service to mark the fund's launch in Westminster Abbey yesterday.

The service, attended by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, and Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Trade and Industry, included a ceremony of dedication.

Dr Runcie said in his sermon that he intended to give a firm lead to the Church Urban Fund, which initially proposes to collect £18 million.

The present state of the inner cities was the responsibility of the whole community, and "it was no use blaming the Government".

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Criticism over liner

Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, was yesterday criticized for being only "lukewarm" about the prospects of a Belfast shipbuilding yard winning a contract to build the world's largest cruise liner. Mr Peter Robinson, MP for East Belfast, said efforts were already being made to have the ship built in France or Japan. Mr Robinson said: "I would have thought the Government would have been jumping up in ecstasy". On Tuesday Mr King dismissed as "premature" questions on the government's likely attitude towards subsidizing the project.

Student loans backed

Powerful support for the idea of supplementing student grants with loans came yesterday from the Council for Industry and Higher Education, an independent body whose members include the vice-chancellors of London, Manchester and Leeds universities. It said the present method of student support was expensive and inadequate and dissauded clever children from poorer families from entering higher education. It called for a flexible loan scheme which made borrowers' liability to repay partly dependent on the size of their subsequent salaries.

Nunn chess triumph

John Nunn, the British chess grandmaster, beat L Winants of Belgium on Tuesday to move closer to the lead after the fifteenth round of the $100.000 Swift World Cup tournament in Brussels. Nunn has 8½ points from a possible 13 with one game adjourned which, if drawn, could put him within half a point of Anatoly Karpov, the leader.

Results — round 15: J Nunn (England) beat L Winants (Belgium); A Sokolov (USSR) against J Timman (The Netherlands), match adjourned; L Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) drew with A Belyavsky (USSR); J Speelman (England) drew with L Portisch (Hungary); P Nikolic (Yugoslavia) drew with M Tal (USSR); Y Korchnoi (Switzerland) beat J Nogueiras (Cuba); Y Seirawan (US) lost to B Salov (USSR); G Sax (Hungary) drew with A Karpov (USSR).

Call for legal brothels

A Scotland Yard plan to legalize brothels in London is to be debated by local councils. Supt Iain Donaldson, head of the Vice Squad, wants the authorities to be allowed to licence and supervise brothels. A report is to be presented at a meeting of the Association of London Authorities in June. Mr Donaldson said: "We are putting this up as a subject for discussion to see how people will react". Several Labour councils oppose the plan, saying it would be an administrative nightmare. Southwark says funds would be better spent on advice centres for prostitutes.

Female condom test

The Family Planning Association is seeking further tests on the first condom for women, which is due to be launched by the end of the year. The association said yesterday it was concerned that the device, which will be marketed under the name, Femshield, would be available before full clinical and consumer tests were completed. "It is not possible, at this stage, to predict likely usage or possible value of the new device", a spokeswoman said. Just over half of women surveyed at a London clinic said they preferred the female condom and 62 per cent said they preferred it to a diaphragm.

Killer's wildlife gift

A man who murdered his wife and two children before drowning himself left £100,000 to butterflies and wildlife in his will published yesterday. Mr Ivor Shirley, of Hampton Magna, Warwickshire, beat his wife, Diane, aged 43, his son, Paul, aged 20, and his daughter, Katherine, aged 17, to death shortly after losing his job. He then weighted his body and jumped into the Avon.

Costs of unwanted RAF missile soar to £400m

**By Martin Fletcher
Political Reporter**

A missile whose development costs have risen from a planned £250 million to well over £400 million and which will be two years late for delivery was not wanted by the RAF in the first place, MPs on the Commons defence select committee learnt yesterday.

The "sad saga" of the Alarm anti-radiation missile has further fuelled the concern of a large number of MPs over the performance of the Ministry of Defence procurement executive.

In another instance of spiralling military costs that came to light yesterday the Government's Property Services Agency was sharply reprimanded by the Commons public accounts committee for allowing US forces to build up an outstanding debt of £31.1 million for construction works at its British bases.

Alarm was commissioned from British Aerospace in 1983 in preference to an existing American missile called Harm and was supposed to be ready by this year.

In evidence to the committee yesterday, Mr William Reeves, assistant under-secretary at the Ministry of Defence, asked which missile the RAF would have preferred, replied: "The RAF was very conscious that Harm offered some important advantages".

Questioned further by Mr Michael Mates, the committee chairman, he said: "I think I have given you the feel you were looking for and I would be most grateful if you would not press any further."

The decision to choose Alarm was taken by the Cabinet but it was not clear whether the Cabinet had overruled the Ministry of Defence for political reasons, or whether the ministry hierarchy had overruled the RAF and recommended Alarm to the Cabinet.

Ministry officials also disclosed that there had been practically no overseas orders for Alarm, which is a priority for RAF Tornado aircraft serving in West Germany. The ministry contract had been intended to penalize BAe if the missile was not ready on time and to cost, but the main problem lay in the sub-contracted development of the rocket motor by Royal Ordnance.

Mr Michael Moss, assistant under-secretary in the procurement executive, said: "If we had extracted the penalties [from BAe] it would immediately have sought to extract them from his sub-contractor who was, in effect, us." A fresh contract had now been drawn up which put the financial onus on BAe to make the missile work.

The procurement executive, nearly half of whose £8 billion a year defence budget is consumed in unforeseen costs, has been strongly criticized for repeated fiascos.

Mr Winston Churchill, Tory MP for Davyhulme, said afterwards: "Alarm is just one of a long list of such blunders. "One wonders whether the MoD have got the technical expertise, manpower and industrial knowledge to evaluate the manufacturers and their claims. Time and again, when they are entering negotiations they seem to have the wool pulled over their eyes."

In the highly critical report about repayment arrangements for works for the US forces, the public accounts committee noted that American military indebtedness had risen from £22.4 million in 1984 to £31.1 million by November last year.

That was in spite of the introduction in 1984 of a Rapid Repayment System agreed at high level, which was designed to ensure payment within seven days of the Property Service Agency presenting its bills.

Of the £31.1 million debt, undisputed bills that had been outstanding for more than six months accounted for £4.5 million, and disputed bills more than two years old accounted for £3 million. About £9 million arose from administrative failures by the agency, primarily spending more than the US authorities had authorized.

The MPs said they regretted that the Rapid Repayment System had proved so ineffective, and demanded that "much more strenuous efforts" be made to make it work. The committee demanded that the agency take the necessary action to minimize the debt as quickly as possible.

P&O ferries to return as 900 strikers sign pay deal

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The ferry company P&O is to resume cross-Channel services next week after more than 11 weeks of its dispute with crews over working arrangements.

The decision was made after more than 900 striking crew, more than half of those needed to man P&O's ferry fleet, signed the new terms and conditions at the centre of the dispute.

The company issued a statement within minutes of yesterday's 6pm deadline for employees to accept the new terms, saying it would be working out rosters to get sailings underway. Another statement will be made this morning regarding the resumption of services.

Teams of engineers and maintenance personnel were sent to Flushing, Cornwall, yesterday to begin working up the 11 ferries that have been tied up there since the start of the strike in February.

The company said: "Rostering arrangements will have to be made but that depends on the numbers of engine room staff, stewards, deckhands and so on who have signed and who will be ready to resume duties".

The National Union of Marine, Aviation and Shipping Transport Officers has already agreed terms with P&O and said its members will sail with accredited crews from the National Union of Seamen (NUS).

Last night, the company said that employees who had not signed the new agreement were no longer employed by the company. Yesterday had been the "crunch day" for those who had been dismissed on March 15 but given until 6pm to accept the terms.

Mr Graeme Dunlop, managing director of P&O European Ferries, told union leaders at Dover that there would be no more negotiations. The offer, which gives ratings an average rise of £400 a year on the Dover-Zeebrugge and Dover-Boulogne routes, would not be altered.

The company has said it must reduce costs on its cross-Channel services by £6 million to compete with other services, particularly in regard to the Channel tunnel when it comes into operation in 1993.

The NUS has argued that the extra money only replaces overtime and bonuses already being earned by crews and is insufficient compensation for new conditions, which union leaders claim mean longer hours and fewer days off.

The deal means that ratings, depending on grade and length of service, will earn between £11,500 and £17,400 a year in addition to profit sharing. The company said that the 362 redundancies it was seeking had been met by more than 400 men and women who had resigned from the company since the strike began.

The seamen's union said that members of the Transport and General Workers' Union had agreed not to handle ships at Dover while the dispute was on and that both French and Belgian unions had said they would also support the Dover strikers. However, P&O is confident that with so many NUS crew members having accepted the terms, its services should not be hampered when they are re-introduced.

Investigation of PoW massacre

Trial of SS man urged

By David Nicholson-Lord

A war crimes officer who investigated the killing of 70 British prisoners of war by SS officers near Dunkirk in 1940 said yesterday prosecutors would face a "difficult but not impossible" case against Wilhelm Mohnke, the former commander of Hitler's personal bodyguard.

Major T X H "Bunny" Pantcheff gave a detailed account of the massacre at Wormhoudt, northern France, when 80 solders were herded into a barn, had grenades lobbed into their midst and were then gunned down. About 12 survived.

He said: "The SS had been ordered to take no prisoners. They left what they thought was everybody dead. There was no effort to clear up or do anything about the bodies. They were winning a war and they thought that was all that mattered."

Details of the massacre have remained largely secret in File No WO/208/4295, marked "Closed to the year 2011", at the Public Record Office.

Mr Jeff Rooker, Labour MP for Perry Barr, Birmingham, who is to name Herr Mohnke in the Commons, will ask the Prime Minister today to explain whether there has been a cover-up.

Mr Ian Sayer, publisher of the magazine, *World War II Investigator*, said yesterday British war crimes investigators had built up a *prima facie* case against Herr Mohnke. "We want to see that justice is done."

Major Pantcheff's involvement came in the summer of 1947 when he attempted a reconstruction of events with four of the survivors. Two were badly maimed and one was mentally scarred after being left for dead by the SS. They had spent the war years in prisoner-of-war camps.

Most of the 80 men were from the A and B companies of the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, with others from the Cheshire Regiment and a few gunners from the Royal Artillery Regiment.

Wilhelm Mohnke, former SS officer, photographed in 1985.

Major Pantcheff said: "They were in a state of great shock. They were very tired and very dirty and very fed up. Nobody liked being prisoners of war. But they were not frightened. It did not occur to them that anything like this was going to happen at all."

The British war crimes investigation unit report was presented later to the Judge Advocate General of the British Forces. However, by this time, Herr Mohnke was being held captive by the Russians.

The wife of Herr Mohnke, aged 77, said yesterday at their home at a village near Hamburg: "He says he did nothing wrong then, so he has nothing to say".

Whitehall working 'is its own reward'

**By David Walker
Public Administration Correspondent**

Working in Whitehall is intrinsically interesting and should compensate for pay rates below the market level, a report published yesterday, which highlighted shortfalls in recruitment to the Civil Service, says.

However, a press and poster advertising campaign to increase applications from blacks and Asians had been "unbelievably successful. An awful lot of coloured people are beginning to apply", Mr Dennis Trevelyan, the First Civil Service Commissioner, said.

Overall, 6.8 per cent of non-white applicants were successful, compared with a rate of 11.6 per cent for whites. The difference appeared to be caused by educational preparation.

The annual report of the Civil Service Commission, which oversees fair procedures in Whitehall's intake, shows the Civil Service share of the best and brightest graduates is holding up, with a slightly increased proportion of fast-stream trainees coming from Oxford and Cambridge in 1987 than in 1986.

The areas suffering most from insufficient recruitment are the Crown Prosecution Service and valuers. Some 450 jobs for lawyers were open in 1987 but only 189 appointments were made, with 28 other successful applicants awaiting appointment.

About 500 extra qualified and trainee valuers are needed to cope with revaluing about two million businesss properties in England and Wales for the introduction of the community charge and uniform business rate in April 1990.

The commission hopes some shortfalls among specialist staff will be mitigated by internal training programmes and greater flexibility in pay.

Six-year pay deal ends restrictive practises

By Tim Jones

A large company faced four years ago with closure is now in profit after the abandonment of an authoritarian management structure and a six-year pay deal.

The company has also recently signed a contract with a major European vehicle manufacturer.

Under the pay deal, worth 33.5 per cent and unique in British industry, the 433 employees have agreed to drop restrictive practices and to reduce job descriptions at the Borg Warner Automotive plant, near Port Talbot, South Wales, from 45 to 11. Management grades have been reduced from seven to three.

Shopfloor foremen have been abolished, the role of managers changed from supervisory to co-ordinating, and workers have been arranged into "autonomous work groups". Working without direct supervision, they plan, control and operate the entire production process, making decisions not only on a daily basis but for weeks ahead.

Difficulties are sorted out at an "operating board" where elected members of the working groups sit with management representatives.

Since the new working practices were introduced, profitability has increased by 30 per cent in 12 months, costs in some areas have been reduced by 50 per cent, maintenance costs have come down from £60,000 to £27,000 a month, quality has increased by 40 per cent.

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Methodios defends policies

By Ruth Gledhill and Clifford Longley

Archbishop Methodios, the dismissed leader of Britain's 250,000 Greek Orthodox Christians, strongly denied yesterday that he "coveted other thrones".

He also disputed suggestions that relations between the Anglican and Orthodox communities had suffered since his apppointment in 1979.

He said the real reason for his dismissal, reportedly influenced by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, was his determination to expand the Greek Orthodox community in Britain.

That had provoked the leaders of other churches facing decline, he added.

Dr Runcie yesterday praised the "energetic leadership" of Methodios and said there had never been any "personal clash".

Dr Runcie, embarrassed by reports that he had had a hand in the dismissal said it was "entirely a matter for the Ecumenical Patriarchate".

Methodios, aged 63, said he had been expecting for "some months" to be dismissed as Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain He will soon leave his official residence in Paddington, west London, and return to his father's house in Athens.

"I have not been deposed. I remain an archbishop. I just no longer have this diocese", he said.

Methodios denied that he had behaved in an "unseemly and improper" manner. "They say I tried to depose the patriarch and replace him with the Archbishop of America so I could go to America myself. This is a myth. This diocese is more than enough for me.

"Dr Runcie is a good friend of mine and has been for 20 years." He said he had opposed "certain Anglican contemporary innovations" in the Church of England.

He made an official protest to Dr Runcie and to the Archbishop of York over the appointment of Dr David Jenkins as Bishop of Durham. Methodios has also published a treatise against the ordination of women and has been shocked by recent events surrounding the debate on homosexuality in the church.

He said: "I am sure Dr Runcie was compelled to interfere in this business. Relations between the Anglican and the Orthodox communities have not suffered."

Methodios has written a summary of his achievements and the reasons which he believes lie behind his dismissal in a 14-page pastoral letter to be published later this week.

"I will send the letter around the world", he said. "I explained that I tried to establish in Britain an independent, strong and proud Greek Orthodox community.

Union boycotts jobs scheme

By Roland Rudd

A leading trade union is to boycott a £1.4 billion training programme aimed at creating work for 600,000 long-term unemployed. Other unions are expected to follow.

The General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union (GMB) announced its decision yesterday. The general council of the Trade Union Congress is almost certain to vote next week for a total boycott of the programme, badly denting its effectiveness.

Mr John Edmonds, GMB general secretary, said he had decided to reject the pleas of TUC officials to back a compromise.

The TUC officials and the Manpower Services Commission, which will administer the programme, were last night involved in urgent moves to persuade moderate unions to back it.

The TUC is aware it is in danger of being seen to abandon the unemployed.

Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment, yesterday made it clear the Government was determined to introduce the programme as planned on September 5. It replaces the Community Programme and the Job Training Scheme.

Trades unions, though, have crippled past initiatives, preventing an increase of 75,000 places on the Job Training Scheme.

The TUC was opposed to the new programme because trainees will be paid only the equivalent of their benefit plus a £10 travel allowance. It demanded "the rate for the job".

Mr Edmonds said some unions on the general council would have been prepared to compromise if the Government had been willing to pay the same rate it pays trainees on the Community Programme, which is £67 a week.

After meetings with Mr Ian Johnson, head of the Manpower Services Commission, Mr Edmonds said he was depressed that no guarantee on a reasonable payment could be given.

The three trade union members of the commission may resign.

Mr Ron Todd, one of the commissioners and general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, asked the Government for a guarantee that the training scheme would be voluntary.

The Scottish TUC yesterday compounded the Department of Employment's problem over the planned scheme when its annual conference voted overwhelmingly for a campaign of "active opposition".

Mr Bill Spiers, deputy general secretary designate, said that Labour-run local authorities throughout the country would refuse to provide the managing agents, who are critical to the operation of the scheme.

Inquiry into National Union of Students

Baker looks at alleged misuse of aid

By Boris Johnson

The government inquiry into the affairs of the National Union of Students will investigate claims that the union misuses taxpayers' money for political campaigns, does not represent students, and fails to provide welfare services.

Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, launched the inquiry after the Conservative Collegiate Forum, the student wing of the Conservative Party, produced a report entitled *Licence for Profligacy*.

It formed the basis of an early-day motion of Mr Timothy Janman, Conservative MP for Thurrock, which condemned the union.

One focus for disquiet is that unlike individual student unions, almost all of which are affiliated to the NUS, the parent body is free to make political gifts and affiliations without fear of acting unconstitutionally.

The union has grown more left wing during the past five years — its 21-strong executive contains no Alliance or Conservative members. It has become bolder in supporting and financing a one-sided political manifesto.

Since in theory almost every student in the country is a member, there is growing anger and frustration at this stance.

Opponents scorn the notion that the union was speaking for most students when it passed an anti-poll tax motion at its conference in December last year. The motion encouraged students to refuse to pay the tax, and promised to provide legal backing to those prosecuted for their action.

The union gives money to left-wing causes. Striking miners received £1,000 in 1984, and it organized national speaking tours by Women Against Pit Closures and Gays Support The Miners.

More recently, £2,000 was given to organizations fighting the Alton abortion Bill, and the union provided transport for a national demonstration.

The Government is also expected to investigate the union's policy favouring the legalization of cannabis, and an article in *National Student* magazine, describing how to make crack, a cocaine derivative, which said the drug was "staggeringly pleasurable".

The magazine receives £24,000 of the union's £2 million annual budget.

Some £220,000 of taxpayers' money was spent on union conferences in 1986-1987. Critics say that intimidation and violence is used to produce extreme motions, and the practice of "mandation", by which delegates may not dissent from the view of their individual student unions, means that minority views are ignored.

It is also said that many student services, such as welfare, the student's card, travel discounts and insurance, can be obtained independently.

Auction sets world record price

Diamond sells for 9 million dollars

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent

The largest diamond ever to come to auction fetched $9.1 million (£4.8 million) in New York on Tuesday night.

It was a record for any jewel and a surprise for Sotheby's and the firm admitted it was apprehensive before the sale.

Mr John Block, of Sotheby's said: "We had very little presale knowledge about how it was going to do. I was very nervous about it selling at all, let alone getting such a record." In the event, it was he who coaxed the winning bid from a private telephone bidder.

"The atmosphere was electric beyond my belief", he said. There were four candidates at the start, two on telephones and two in the room. Bidding went fast, in units of $100,000, with "people yelling out their bids". At $7 million there was a pause.

"My client went quiet. I said 'Do you want to go one more?' Just before the hammer came down, he bid again, and bought it." The auctioneer, Mr John Marion then proceeded to set another record, this time $4.7 million (£2.5 million) for a pink diamond, as well as three other prices in excess of $1 million.

The record pear shape diamond has all the best credentials for a diamond. It is 85.91 carats; flawless; colour "D" (the highest and best of all gradations of tone and shade) and cut to refract the light in a thousand directions.

Before the sale, Sotheby's placed it "slightly below the Cullinan III, in the British Crown Jewels, and slightly above the Spoonmaker Diamond, in the Topkapi Museum in Istanbul".

They had also strung seductive phrases through their glossy catalogue such as "The purchase or possession of a diamond signifies wealth and power".

According to Mr John Block, this salesmanship worked. "Some of those starting the bidding had such aims in mind." But, he said, people who spent so much money did not generally want their names to be broadcast.

The previous record for a jewel was $6.6 million, paid in 1980 at Sotheby's Geneva for a pair of ear pendants with four pear-shaped stones, weighing a total of 131.86 carats.

Mr Block said he was amazed at the interest from private buyers. "This is a recent development. As quickly as people sell because they are afraid to wear them, young glamorous people are buying them to wear."

According to him, most of the buyers over the $100,000 dollar mark are men buying for their wives. Under that price, many of the buyers are women.

The sale totalled $34.6 million (£18 million), with 10 per cent unsold.

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Withdrawing treatment 'can be justified'

Some babies should be left to die, says consultant

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Hospital doctors are justified in allowing some frail newborn babies to die by withholding or withdrawing life saving treatment from them, a consultant paediatrician said yesterday.

Professor Alexander Campbell told a conference on medical ethics that professional decisions to let babies die would become more frequent in the next few years.

He disclosed that in Aberdeen hospitals between 1981 and 1985, 82 per cent of the neo-natal deaths followed decisions by doctors to withhold or withdraw life support.

"This does not mean that more infants are being denied intensive care but reflects the increasing number of tiny infants who are born under 28 weeks' gestation and who survive at least for a short time", he said.

There were clear cases where withholding or withdrawing life support was justified. These included cases of gross brain disorders and of aborted foetuses found to be still alive.

"Some attempted terminations go wrong and increasingly paediatricians are being asked to resuscitate and treat one of these cases minutes after a colleague has been trying to kill it", he said.

"We have a duty to care for these infants but they may have been damaged during the abortion procedure. It's also most unlikely that their mothers will want to care for them. I believe in such cases aggressive intervention should be withheld."

Recent advances in intensive neo-natal care were increasingly being applied "recklessly and indiscriminately" in some British hospitals, Professor Campbell, of Aberdeen University, told the Leeds University conference.

"There must be limits to intensive care if it is not to become a new and potentially cruel form of child abuse. The decision that an infant would be better off dead is an awesome one but one that sometimes must be taken."

Neo-natal mortality rates had fallen in recent years to levels previously thought impossible and the successes of intensive care had come to epitomize the triumph of medicine, he said.

But there were also cases where such procedures were "painful, cruel, meddlesome and futile" and efforts were necessary to strike a balance between the responsible and irresponsible use of the skills, techniques and equipment now available in hospitals.

The crucial question in deciding whether a baby's life should be saved was the quality of life awaiting the child if it recovered.

Professor Campbell said the increasing number of very low birth weight babies "born at the very limits of viability" between 22 and 26 weeks' gestation were posing particular dilemmas for doctors and hospital staff.

Professor Campbell: "Decision must be taken".

"The delivery room is no place to make snap judgements. It is often junior doctors who are at the delivery and they must be given clear instructions. These are that an infant born alive should receive the standard life-saving measures", he said.

In many cases there were high risks of serious brain damage. "Granted that we can save a life the question is what kind of a life are we saving", he said.

High technology medicine was being increasingly used "relentlessly and indiscriminately" while too little attention was given to the wishes of parents and the pain and suffering of the infants.

There might occasionally be cases in which treatment was futile and withdrawn or withheld against the parents' wishes perhaps because of their inability to understand the medical complexities.

When an intensive care unit was overcrowded the effort spent on some babies might have a detrimental effect on the care of others, he said.

There were guidelines for doctors from professional bodies and from hospital ethics committees but these were sometimes inadequate or unsatisfactory.

Doctors had to take the responsibility and if necessary the guilt for their decisions to allow babies to die, but that was how it should be, Professor Campbell said.

"It would be folly to remove the responsibility, the duty and indeed the agony of decision-making from the doctors."

Professor Campbell said that until fairly recently specialists believed that premature babies weighing less than 1000 grammes (2.2lbs) were unlikely to survive.

But it had become possible to save babies weighing as little as 500 grammes. "In my view 750 grammes is a flexible level below which medical intervention should not be continued."

Most delegates at the conference yesterday appeared to sympathize with Professor Campbell's views.

Some referred later to the situation in Liverpool last year when all the septuplets born prematurely to a woman who had received fertility drugs died over a period of days, although the hospital's intensive neo-natal care unit was equipped with the latest medical technology.

Miss Jennifer Jackson, a lecturer in philosophy at Leeds University, said she believed doctors were safe from legal action if they could show that they made reasonable efforts to save an infant "in the light of customary medical practices and expectations".

The principle of acting in the best interests of the patient was a good defence and if treatment could do more harm than good doctors must not administer it, she said.

"The Liberal MP, Mr David Alton, has dwelt on the horrors that abortion inflicts on the foetus but it could be argued that the protracted suffering of neonates who have a precarious hold on life might be incomparably worse."

The Savile Row skulls

Mrs Patricia Stevens, an archaeologist, measuring the skull of a sixth century wild cow found in Lincolnshire. The skull is one of many to be displayed when English Heritage opens its Ancient Monuments Laboratory for the first time tomorrow and on Saturday.

It perches somewhat incongruously on the fifth floor of a building in Savile Row in the West End of London.

It is the most comprehensive archaeological laboratory in Britain and its functions range from conserving ancient artefacts to examining the effects of acid rain on historic buildings.

The objects to be displayed include bones from an Anglo-Saxon settlement at Heslerton, North Yorkshire, and some from Stanwick Roman villa, Northamptonshire, including the skeleton of a miniature dog.

The laboratory is a pioneer in the retrieval and conservation of fragile artefacts and in the use of geophysical survey techniques to determine the need for so-called rescue excavations in advance of building work.

(Photograph: Chris Harris)

Security guard is shot dead at bank

By Michael Horsnell

A £25,000 reward was offered yesterday after a security guard was shot dead in an attempted robbery.

A raider fired a single shot from a revolver at the guard. He escaped empty-handed on the back of a motor-cycle after another guard had snatched back from him a bag containing cash.

The raiders struck outside a branch of the Midland Bank in Tottenham Court Road, central London, after a Securicor vehicle drew up and two guards went in to cash two cheques of undisclosed amounts.

The guards were confronted as they returned to the van. One raider shot the driver's colleague and grabbed the bag from the driver.

Passers-by tried to resuscitate the shot guard, who was wounded in the chest. He died in University College Hospital. The reward was put up by Securicor.

Scotland Yard said a red motor-cycle used for the getaway was found abandoned two streets away.

Mr Vipin Patel, aged 49, a clothes shop owner who saw the shooting said: "I was standing outside my shop and saw a fairly squat man in his forties with a pistol.

"There was a crack and the guard fell to the floor. Moments later the man began shouting and made off down Beaumont Place still holding the gun in both hands."

Mr Jason Hadlow, aged 24, manager of a Tie Rack shop near by, saw the gunman speeding off on the motor-cycle. He said: "I heard a bang, or a crack like a pistol shot. I looked across the road and saw a motorbike, probably a 250cc and certainly no bigger, speed off round the corner from the bank."

Survey of managers' pay

Women leap up salary list

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The earnings of women managers are rising faster than those of their male colleagues, a latest business survey says. The number of women taking part in the regular surveys has also increased.

Women's average salaries in middle-management rose 11.3 per cent, for men the increase was 9.9 per cent. Although the gap is closing, men still earn more — an average of £22,540 compared with £17,984 for women.

Women managers now account for 7.2 per cent of those taking part in the earnings survey, by the British Institute of Management.

The survey shows directors' average salaries to be £49,771, up 11.9 per cent.

Only in the chemicals, metal manufacturing and mechanical engineering industries are women not taking an increasing share of management jobs. The textiles, construction, financial and technical services industries have more than doubled their number of women managers.

Women managers are on average younger than their male colleagues. At director level the typical woman is 40 and earning £31,643 a year; men at the equivalent seniority are aged 48 and earning £44,830.

More managers and directors get company cars, 70.4 per cent compared with 68.3 per cent in 1987. However, middle managers in smaller companies are less likey to get a company car than they were in 1987. Only 29.8 per cent had one, compared with 35.7 per cent the previous year.

Mr Peter Benton, director general of the institute, said yesterday: "This survey has identified a healthy trend towards greater incentives for British managers and a strong link between pay and corporate success. Given the important role of management in the UK's economic revival it is vital that this trend should continue.

"It is essential for us to recruit managers of the highest calibre, and we will only be able to realize this aim if we continue to reward the people who make wealth creation possible."

Directors' bonus payments rose faster than their salaries and 54.2 per cent of the directors who took part in the survey receive bonus payments.

● Salaries and training in British engineering firms are below the level of those of European and American competitors operating in this country. A survey by *Electronics Weekly* magazine among 2,500 of its readers found that the average pay for staff of a US company in Britain was £18,201 a year, £16,726 in a European firm, and £15,935 in a British one.

Former butler in Egypt relics find left £5,000

By David Cross

A former butler who helped to find 300 Egyptian relics at the Carnarvon family home has been left £5,000 in the will of the sixth Earl of Carnarvon.

Lord Carnarvon, who died last September, aged 88, was the son of the fifth earl who, with Mr Howard Carter, found the tomb and treasures of Tutankhamun.

Mr Robert Taylor, aged 75, remembered the fifth earl placing the artefacts in secret cupboards at Highclere Castle, near Newbury, Berkshire, about 60 years ago.

Other bequests were made to members of Lord Carnarvon's staff. The bulk of the estate went to his family.

The former Lord Porchester, racing manager to the Queen, became the seventh earl on his father's death.

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Cleared NCO is still facing Army dismissal

A staff sergeant was yesterday cleared of kissing a soldier, but he still faces being dismissed from the Army.

Staff Sergeant Alan Soer, aged 34, was convicted at an earlier hearing of having sexual intercourse with another young soldier. A court martial at Colchester, Essex, which heard the kissing case was not told of the previous conviction.

Staff Sergeant Soer, a father of three, of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, was acquitted of indecent assault and an alternative charge of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline by improperly embracing Fusilier Alan Dodd, then aged 18.

He said Mr Dodd, who has left the Army, thought anyone in the Army "must have a screw loose". He nearly started a fight when he aired his views in a cafe in Akamas, Cyprus.

He took Mr Dodd, who was "very distressed", for a walk. They sat on a grassy bank. Mr Dodd had claimed the staff sergeant kissed him, but the NCO told the hearing: "He gave me a kiss or a sort of slobber on the cheek, then seemed to go a bit funny, come to, jump up with a scream and run down the track".

Mr Dodd also claimed Staff Sergeant Soer kissed him on another occasion.

After his acquittal yesterday it was disclosed that Staff Sergeant Soer was found guilty last week of a serious sexual assault on a soldier aged 21.

He was sentenced to serve two years in jail and to be dismissed from the Army. The sentence is subject to confirmation.

Arts Council 'ignoring the North'

By Andrew Billen

The Arts Council was accused of ignoring the needs of the North after the announcement yesterday of a 5 per cent overall grant increase to regional arts associations.

Mr Luke Rittner, secretary general of the Arts Council, announced that Eastern Arts had won a 14.6 per cent increase, reflecting the fact that it had been under-funded in the past.

However, Northern Arts, based at Newcastle upon Tyne, which covers Cumbria and Tyneside, reacted bitterly to its increase of 0.6 per cent.

Mr Peter Stark, director of Northern Arts, said: "The Arts Council had the money to ensure that at the very least all regions received the basic 3 per cent increase. They made a quite conscious decision not to do so."

Mr Andrew Davis will succeed Sir John Pritchard as chief conductor of the BBC Symphony Orchestra in October next year. Mr Davis, music director of the Toronto Symphony, has appeared regularly at the Proms and with the orchestra since 1970.

Earlier this week, Mr Giles Radice, Labour MP for Durham North, led a delegation of Labour MPs from the North to protest to Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts.

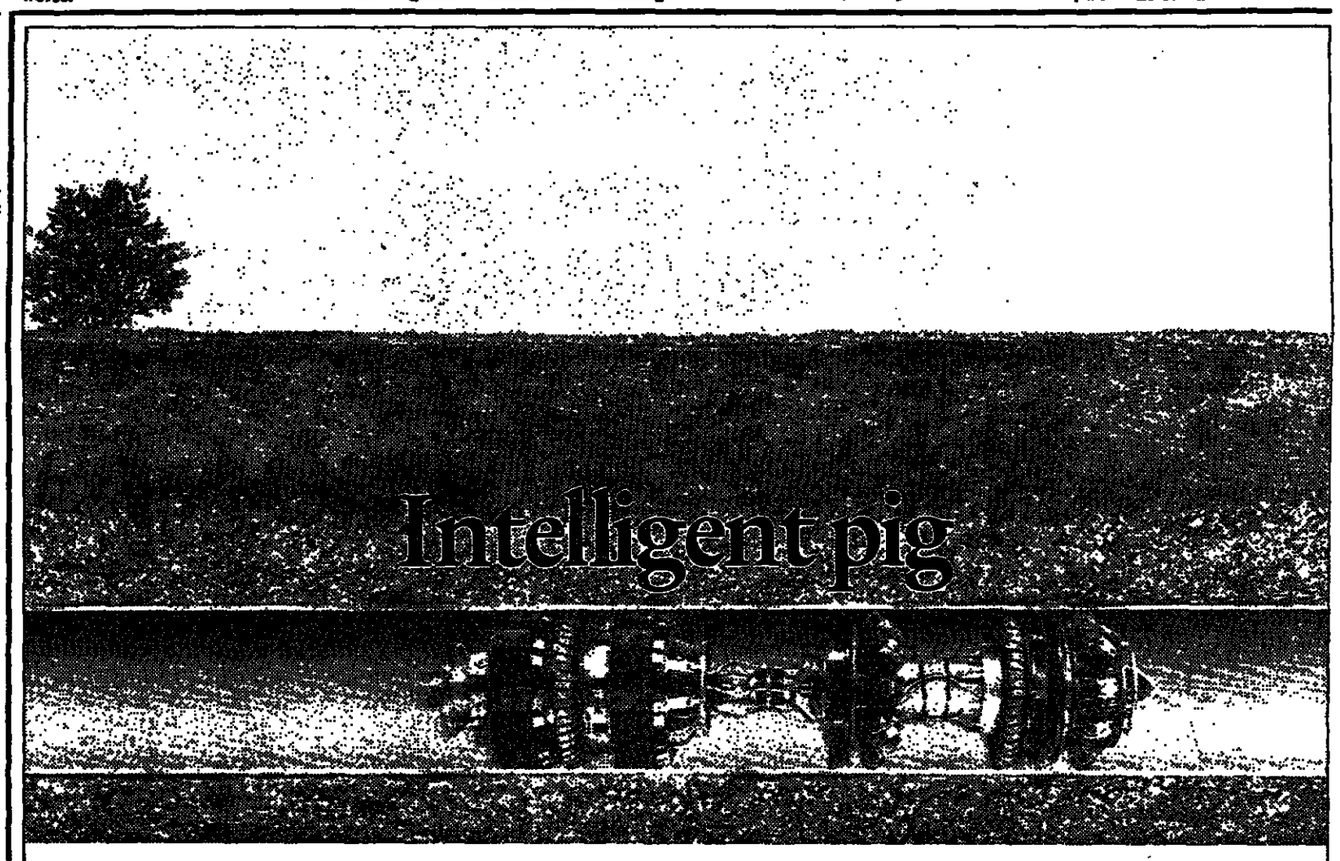
Mr Radice said: "The business structure in the North means that there are not many rich private industries available for sponsorship so the area does not qualify for much business incentive money from the Arts Council either".

Replacement funds from the Arts Council after the abolition of the six metropolitan county councils are reduced annually, leaving associations such as Northern and Merseyside, which gained a 2.2 per cent rise, with a constantly lowering base level of grants.

The Arts Council's extra development money, worth £1.1 million, has been distributed by a uniform calculation based on factors such as population, unemployment, average earnings and existing direct grants from the council for individual organizations.

Merseyside, which has two directly subsidized playhouses and no rural hinterland within its boundaries, loses out under the formula.

Mr Rittner said that to have used the extra development money to ensure associations in the old metropolitan county areas did not lose out would have been retrogressive.



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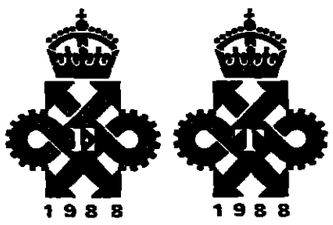

Not many companies are honoured by two Queen's Awards in one year – one for Export Achievement and another for Technological Achievement. But then not many companies have British Gas's ability to apply space age technology to the needs of their own customers and then to export that technology worldwide.

The Awards were given to the On-Line Inspection Centre of British Gas at Cramlington, Northumberland for its development and international commercial exploitation of a device which can inspect buried fuel transmission pipelines internally, in situ, whilst they remain in service. Called an intelligent pig, it is a self-contained vehicle which passes along the pipeline driven by the pressure of gas or oil flowing through it. It carries on board a micro-miniaturised recorder capable of storing thousands of millions of separate readings, and a highly sophisticated computer to examine the readings from the pig's sensors and to eliminate irrelevant data.

The whole vehicle has to be able to withstand severe shocks, high pipeline pressures and to operate at accelerations of up to 25 G.

A typical 'pig' run of about 80 kilometres produces enough data to occupy many hours of mainframe computer time back at base, enabling the technicians to pinpoint the location of any flaw in the pipeline to within a metre.

All the main pipelines of British Gas have been – and continue to be – inspected in this way.

The Queen's Award for Export Achievement reflects the success of the On-Line Inspection Centre of British Gas in developing overseas markets for the intelligent pig – in North America, Europe, Australasia, the Middle East and Africa – for both offshore and land pipelines.

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£30m safety steps to avoid repeat of King's Cross fire

By Tony Dawe

London Underground disclosed yesterday the 100 steps it is taking to prevent a recurrence of the King's Cross disaster in which 31 people died last November.

The measures costing more than £30 million include the installation of fire detection equipment and the replacement of combustible materials in Underground stations.

Checks have also been made to ensure that fire prevention equipment is working properly and that staff know how to use it.

The measures were detailed in a report produced by London Underground and submitted to the public inquiry into the disaster.

Mr Lionel Read, QC, counsel for London Regional Transport and its subsidiary, London Underground, told the inquiry: "All responsible members of London Underground have striven to identify with as much certainty and speed as they can what action should be taken to prevent the recurrence of this disaster".

He suggested that the measures should form the substance of the recommendations to be made by the inquiry and added that "nothing of substance is lacking in them".

In his opening speech to the second part of the investigation, which is dealing with the lessons to be learnt from the catastrophe, Mr Read criticized counsel for the inquiry, briefed by the Treasury Solicitor, for unjustifiable attacks on London Underground, and also Mr Desmond Fennell, QC, chairman of the inquiry.

Mr Read said: "Attention is best concentrated on the extent to which the action taken or being taken reflects a sufficient response to the known causes of the King's Cross disaster".

He criticized attempts to widen the inquiry and called for a ruling from Mr Fennell on whether it should investigate general matters of safety which he claimed were irrelevant to the issues at King's Cross. Claims made earlier that safety had been sacrificed to cost cutting were "wounding criticisms" which were not supported by any evidence.

He said that the call for a new independent body to oversee London Regional Transport was "not remotely justifiable". It was "plainly ludicrous" to create a new agency to keep London Regional Transport on its toes simply because of one fire on one escalator in one station.

Mr Read criticized Mr Fennell for his request at the end of the previous day's hearing for minutes of board meetings of London Regional Transport to be provided to the inquiry. He said it was "unnecessary of the court to make references to its powers of subpoena" to obtain the documents and said that he had earlier been instructed to provide them subject to certain clarifications.

"Subject to the need to ensure commercial confidentiality, LRT has no objections to supply to the Treasury Solicitor for consideration by him and counsel for the court any documents they regard as potentially helpful and LRT is very willing to do so", he said.

Mr Read said that the transport authority would pay compensation for injury, loss or damage suffered in the fire without the need for anyone to prove a breach of duty on its part.

> Claims that safety had been sacrificed to cost cutting were wounding criticisms not supported by any of the evidence

"Financial compensation can never be full recompense for loss or injury. Nothing can bring back the 31 who died at King's Cross last November and only the doctors can heal to the best of their ability the injured. Some will always have physical or mental scarring from the events of that evening."

In listing the 100 measures being taken by London Underground, Mr Read admitted for the first time that there had been several failings in safety procedures.

The actions of some of the 19 staff on duty at the time of the fire could be criticized. "It is unfortunate that relief station inspector Christopher Hayes did not inform the station manager and line controller more quickly upon discovering the fire", Mr Read said.

"Station inspector Hayes did not try to activate the water fog equipment. He did know how to turn on the equipment and where the controls were. It is likely that he forgot to do so in the emergency and turned to an alternative and available method of fire-fighting – an extinguisher."

He said that the management of the incident was "wrongly handled" and pointed out that at no time between the fire first being detected and eventually erupting was there a London Underground supervisor in the ticket hall or at the foot of the escalators to control passengers.

Two ticket collectors who should have been on duty at the time were taking unrostered meal breaks and would be disciplined. "If those two had been on duty, they could have played a part in controlling the passengers."

He also admitted that the cleaning of the escalator where the fire started had not been comprehensive and that lack of adequate communication between staff in the ticket hall and those on the platforms had hampered the handling of the incident.

Steps had been taken to prevent all these failures ever occurring again. He said the training of staff in emergency procedures was being improved at all levels and the company did not believe that extra staff was necessary.

He announced proposals for carrying out emergency exercises on the Underground twice a year with the full participation of the emergency services but added that regular simulated evacuations on all stations were regarded as impractical during operating hours.

The programme of replacing wooden materials should be completed by the middle of next year. The company had decided against accelerating its programme of replacing wooden escalators but cleaning programmes were to be improved.

London Underground had decided to fit all escalators with heat detectors linked to automatic sprinklers to cope with any future escalator fire.

It was also creating two new posts: a chief safety inspector is to be appointed shortly together with a senior fire officer to collaborate with the London Fire Brigade.

Mr Read will conclude his speech when the inquiry continues into its fiftieth day today.

Clean up for sculpture

Miss Kate Garland, a senior sculptor with the National Trust, cleaning a classical marble bust at Farborough Hall, Warwickshire. It is one of 29 bought by the trust with the help of a £155,000 grant from the National Heritage Memorial Fund, to keep them at the hall.

1992 promises wider market for drug gangs

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

The single European market in 1992 will offer rich pickings for criminals as well as businessmen, a national police drugs conference was warned yesterday by the leader of Britain's chief constables.

International traffickers in heroin, cocaine and cannabis are already operating large smuggling networks across Britain. They and other criminal operations could well exploit the end of many frontier, customs and trade controls.

Fighting international trafficking is already too expensive for single police forces to tackle alone and yesterday the conference was warned that investigators will have to abandon trying to get criminals into British courts and help coleagues abroad to bring prosecutions.

Senior police commanders debated earlier this month the risks that the EEC open market will bring and chief constables plan to approach their European equivalents to set up a top level international conference on the implications to the police of 1992.

The plan to set up the conference was disclosed yesterday by Mr Roger Birch, chief constable of Sussex and president of the Association of Chief Police Officers, as he opened the drugs conference organized by the association. Mr Birch is also to lead an association initiative to improve international co-operation.

Addressing drugs investigators and senior police Mr Birch said a new urgency had been injected into attempts at improving international co-operation because of the imminence of the single market.

He told the conference: "The opportunities for increased criminal activity of all kinds this will provide cannot be overlooked and without doubt those who deal in drugs will be seeking to exploit the changes to full advantage".

Mr Birch told the conference, which is concentrating this year on the work of lay and medical experts in fighting drug abuse, that "the largely unseen cancer of criminal use of drugs continues to thread its way insiduously into the sinews of society.

"Its threat to the general well-being and prosperity of a nation should not be underrated. It can penetrate all social class barriers, strike at rich as well as poor, educated as well as ill-educated. Its symptoms are not always evident until too late."

The costs of fighting international trafficking were explained by Hugh Annesley, the Scotland Yard assistant commissioner in charge of specialist detective operations. International co-operation was developing.

He told the conference: "Top flight drug traffickers do not respect the niceties of regional, domestic and international boundaries. It will need to be accepted within individual forces and by their police authorities that the days of expensive investigative effort leading in all cases to arrest and trial in this country are over."

Cases started in Britain could be more efficiently prosecuted on the Continent or in the United States or elsewhere. Other cases started outside Britain could end here.

Telecom meets 90% target in pay phones drive

By Andrew Morgan

British Telecom has met its target set last year of having more than 90 per cent of its pay phones in working order, according to an independent survey published yesterday.

Telecom took the occasion to announce an increase in the number of pay phones, particularly those using Phonecards, improved repair and self-reporting systems and better preventive maintenance as part of its £160 million modernization plan begun three years ago.

Managers claim that a new target of having 95 per cent of its pay phones working by March 1990 could be brought forward.

The survey, jointly funded by Telecom and the Office of Telecommunications (Oftel), the public watchdog, established that 92.3 per cent of pay phones were working during the period March 5 to April 1. In the period covering last November and December, the figure was 72.4 per cent.

A nationwide breakdown found that Scotland had the highest proportion of working phones, with 95 per cent, and England the lowest with 91.9 per cent. The London area was lower with a rate of 89 per cent.

Mr Mike Bett, managing director of Telecom UK, said there would be no smugness. "We are firmly committed to the pay phone service. Before privatization, people spoke of us ripping out phones, but we have actually installed an additional 3,500 in the past two years", he said.

Professor Bryan Carsberg, director general of telecommunications at Oftel, said: "This is splendid news. BT has a difficult job to counter theft and vandalism but this result shows what can be achieved."

Oftel will not publish monthly figures, but Telecom will continue to report to it.

Telecom claims that the improvement has come about largely because of improved reporting and repair times in respect of the 80,000 pay phones, with most of the faulty machines being repaired within 24 hours. Most pay phones are also checked daily.

Mr Bett said that pay phone theft was still a big problem; it was losing £40 million through damage, theft and lost revenue. "You never say that we have cracked it, but we have given the criminal world a very severe warning that we will be on their trail and secure their prosceution if we can", he said.

Telecom now has 11,000 card phones and aims to increase this to 20,000 during the next two years. Mr Bett said: "I would be disappointed if we don't reduce the £40 million deficit in running pay phones. There is a long way to go before profitability, but I am confident that the least we will do now is to break even for the first time."

● The Post Office Users National Council has found that first class letters posted on a Thursday are most likely to arrive on time. The worst postage days are Fridays and Saturdays. The Post Office, which measures letter timings from arrival in the sorting office to the day of delivery, has set a 90 per cent target for getting letters to their destinations the next working day. Its delivery figures for February were 89.5 per cent.

Prison for terror at matches

A judge defended the image of football yesterday as he jailed two Millwall supporters after they were convicted of conspiracy to cause an affray.

Judge Kenneth Cooke told the men at Southwark Crown Court, south London, after a three-month trial that their reign of terror had nothing to do with the national game.

He said: "I think it's a great pity that we have coined the phrase, 'football hooligans'. This conduct has nothing to do with football.

"It's a great pity that the name of foootball has become tied to hooliganism in this fashion. We should think of another phrase for it."

Keith Willcox, aged 29, a father of three, of Orton Goldhay, near Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, was jailed for four years. Stephen Taylor, aged 26, a father of two, of Upminster, Essex, was jailed for 36 months.

Colin Luton, aged 25, of Peckham, south London, and Stephen Titus, aged 24, of Addiscombe, near Croydon, Surrey, were acquitted.

The court was told that Willcox and Taylor had led a six-month campaign of "havoc and mayhem".

Record prices ease gloom

SALEROOM

by Sarah Jane Checkland
Art Market Correspondent

Christie's was left with nearly half its European sculpture and works of art unsold yesterday after a sale which brought some excitement but also a disturbing number of disappointments.

There were two world records, first for a dramatic bronze sculpture cast by Antonio Susini, from a model by Giambologna. It shows Deianeira, the wife of Hercules, struggling wildly as the centaur, Nessus, carries her off, and was first modelled by Giambologna for the Salviati family in 1575. It fetched £440,000 against an estimate of £200,000 to £300,000.

The London dealer, Danny Katz, paid a runaway £308,000 – more than four times the estimate – for a fifteenth century Italian marble relief of the Virgin and Child by the Master of the Marble Madonnas. Although the true identity of this artist is unknown, art historians have been able to piece together a distinctive, oeuvre comprising a number of reliefs with sweet-looking Virgins and cherubims.

After the sale, Mr Charles Avery, of Christie's, said the medieval objects market is restricted, although people know there is big money around so they insist on high reserves.

"As there are no analogies for these things, you cannot say what is a high reserve. If you guess too low, the client takes it elsewhere, if too high you are unlucky."

Casualties included a fifth century Byzantine bronze liturgical model of a standing ram, and a twelfth century German oak lectern in the shape of an eagle. Both had been estimated at between £150,000 and £250,000.

As the afternoon proceeded Mr Avery had managed to sell privately a number of works, including an early seventeenth century Florentine bronze rearing equestrian group, by Pietro Tacco. Estimated at £150,000, he had found a buyer prepared to pay £115,000.

There were three records at Sotheby's Old Master paintings sale. Top lot was "A view of Rome" by Gaspar Van Wittel, also known as Vanvitelli, which fetched £236,500 against an estimate of £100,000 to £150,000.

The picture shows the imperial marble yard beside the Tiber in the foreground and the Capitol in the distance. It was bought by a private buyer.

Another record was for the Dutch seventeenth century artist, Lieve Verschuier, for his picture of a Dutch whaler unloading in an estuary. It is an attractive painting showing a bright choppy sea, and scudding clouds. It was bought anonymously.

The final record was for a still life with fruit and flowers by the French seventeenth century artist, Michel Bouillon, a type of painting becoming popular with private buyers. It sold for £92,400, within estimate. A similar still life, by the Dutch artist Jan Van Os, sold for £220,000 (within estimate).

A painting of the Immaculate Conception by the Spanish painter, Murillo, one of his favourite subjects and probably the last in private hands, fetched £198,000 (estimate £120,000 to £180,00).

The Walpole Gallery, which opened in London this week, acted in an official capacity for the city of Venice, bidding £40,700 (estimate £20,000 to £30,000) for a portrait of the artist, Sebastiano Ricci, palette and brushed in hand, by the Milanese artist, Bartolomeo Nazari.

First bought for the Venetian collection of Count Johann Matthias von der Schulenburg, and sent for sale by his descendants, the purchase means a home-coming for the painting.

B&B landlady comes in from the cold

By Shona Crawford Poole, Travel Editor

Bed and breakfast hostelries are changing to satisfy demand from all sections of society. Smoking is frowned upon, but dogs are more welcome than children.

Landladies do not deserve their image as prim authoritarians and bad cooks, the authors of *The Good Bed and Breakfast Guide* say. Of the top 10 listed in this latest *Which?* guide, seven impose smoking restrictions, six refuse small children but only four will turn away man's best friend.

The authors, Susan Cousin, formerly of the British Tourist Authority, and Elsie Dillard, both Britons living in the United States, say that the more than 700 establishments listed "are the best B&Bs we have stayed in, places we would recommend to anyone".

At £10 to £20 a head a night they find plenty to recommend, from Holly Lodge in Bath – "straight from the pages of *House & Garden*" – to the "superb" breakfasts and matching wallpapers, curtains and bedspreads of Manor Farm Barn in Taynton, Oxfordshire.

The authors say: "For years the British B&B has offered travellers an inexpensive alternative to grander hotels and inns, but until recently it tended to conjure up visions of lino and saggy, none-too-clean beds in chilly bedrooms.

"Nevertheless, the B&B flourished because it met a need – people without bottomless pockets had to have somewhere to stay when away from home." One reason for better standards is that the guest houses are homes too. "They have tended to become more comfortable as living standards have improved."

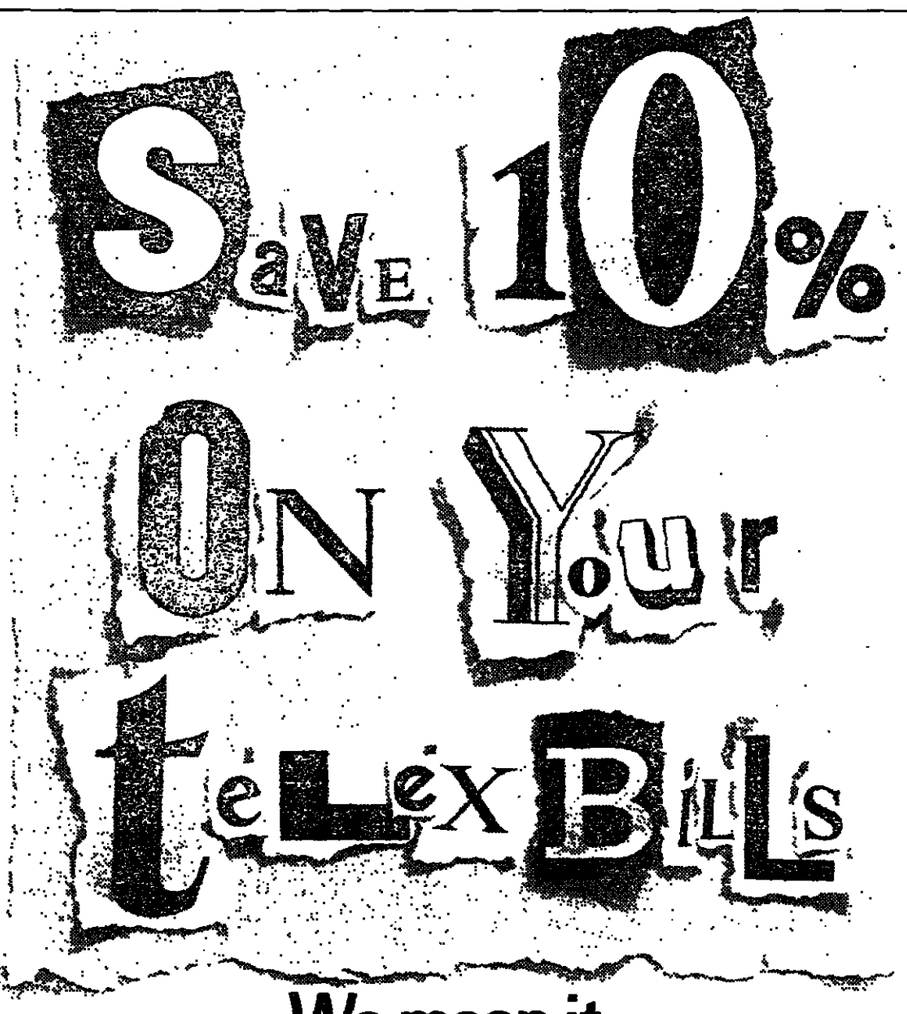
Many guests are businessmen, including Americans, who prefer the homeliness to the impersonal atmosphere of large hotels, although their companies are footing the bill.

Landladies and landlords "tend to be interesting personalities with a fondness for meeting people". There is Janet Florey of Manor Farm Barn who wears a Union Jack pinafore to cook breakfast, and the "exuberant" Carrolle Sellick of Holly Lodge.

Mrs Sellick, for whom inclusion in the guide was a "wonderful surprise", said "doing up old houses" was her passion. "It is amazing how much detail guests notice", Mrs Sellick said. "I think the odour of a house is important. We always have fresh flowers and pot pourri. And this is a no smoking house."

The guide's top 10 bed and breakfast houses are: Holly Lodge; Hayburn Wyke, Salisbury, Wiltshire; Manor Farm Barn; The Old Vicarage, Higham, Suffolk; Carline Guest House, Lincoln; The Coach House, Crookham, Northumberland; Colonnade Hotel, west London; Medwyn House, West Linton, Borders; The Old Rectory, Llansanffraid Glan Conwy, Gwynedd; and Midhurst Hotel, St Peter Port, Guernsey.

The Good Bed and Breakfast Guide (Consumers' Association and Hodder and Stoughton, from bookshops or the Subscription Department, Consumers' Association, PO Box 44, Hertford SG14 1SH; £8.95).



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Botha dismisses broadcast chief

Johannesburg — The director-general of the nominally independent South African Broadcasting Corporation, Mr Adriaan Eksteen, was sacked yesterday after months of tension between him and President Botha (Michael Hornsby writes). A statement issued after an extraordinary meeting of the SABC board of governors said that Mr Eksteen, who is in his mid-forties, had agreed to "retire" from his post today. It said he would get a golden handshake, equal to five years' salary, and a deferred pension.

The thinly disguised dismissal of Mr Eksteen is seen here as the first move in a plan by Mr Botha to tighten further his control over the national radio and television service. Mr Eksteen's troubles began last August when Mr Botha telephoned him during the main evening television news bulletin to complain about a report on the removal from the Cabinet of the Rev Allan Hendrickse, leader of the main party in the Coloured (mixed-race) House of Representatives, and forced a presidential statement to be read.

Queen's party lottery

Perth — The Queen celebrates her 62nd birthday here today at a garden party where many guests won their invitations in a prize draw (Christopher Morris writes). The 1,200 winners from all over Western Australia were chosen by lottery after completing an application form in local newspapers. The idea to provide a wide cross-section of guests was the idea of the host, Mr Peter Dowding, Premier of Western Australia.

Apart from the usual guest list of local dignitaries, the Queen will mingle with shop assistants, students, farmers, teachers, cleaners and the unemployed. She is said to be intrigued and pleased with the plan. But there are worries that many will arrive bearing birthday gifts such as kangaroos, koala toys and aboriginal paintings.

Meese choice quits

Washington (Reuter) — Mr Edwin Meese, the US Attorney General struggling to fill top vacancies at the Justice Department, said yesterday that his choice for the number two post has withdrawn his name from consideration.

Mr Meese, who has been under investigation for nearly a year by a special prosecutor examining his financial affairs and his role in an aborted Iraqi oil pipeline deal, has had problems in filling the vacancies after resignations last month. He pledged to move quickly to fill the deputy position, working closely with the White House.

Justice Department officials said that Mr Meese will have trouble filling the posts, mainly because of concern about his continued leadership of the department.

Family sues Contras

Miami (AP) — The family of Benjamin Linder, the engineer killed by Contra rebels last year in Nicaragua, yesterday filed a $50 million (£26.4 million) civil lawsuit against rebel leaders. The family accuse the Contras of having "brutally executed" Linder last April 28 as he helped to build a hydroelectric plant in northern Nicaragua.

The lawsuit accuses the Contra director, Señor Adolfo Calero, and his military commander, Señor Enrique Bermudez, of the "wrongful death, battery, and cruel and inhuman treatment" of Linder. The Contras publicly have said Linder was armed and died in a gun battle between rebels and government troops.

Murderess inherits

Stockholm (AP) — A woman who murdered her husband with a hammer shortly after her wedding will inherit his estate, a Swedish court has ruled. The *Svenska Dagbladet* newspaper said that the court ruled that murder committed while under temporary insanity does not disqualify the killer from inheriting the victim's estate. The bequest of family heirlooms to the widow was challenged by the victim's handicapped mother. The woman, aged 22, was committed to a mental institution. "I understand the law, in principle, but in this case it's twisted," the mother was quoted as saying.

A fund-raising genius fills candidate's coffers

Mr Farmer: Grey-haired fund-raisers are best.

From Michael Binyon
Washington

Money is the key to successful election campaigns in America, and the more a candidate can raise the better his chances of getting his message across. Governor Michael Dukakis owes his success, above all else, to Mr Bob Farmer, mastermind of probably the most prosperous Democratic campaign in history.

Mr Farmer, a genial millionaire who made his fortune producing technical manuals, retired from business in 1980 and has been a full-time fund-raiser ever since.

He began with the campaign of Mr John Anderson, a Republican who ran for president as an independent that year. In 1984 he was the chief fund-raiser for Senator John Glenn of Ohio, another presidential hopeful. But it is with Mr Dukakis, a fellow Bostonian whom he has known for nine years, that his extraordinary talents have come into their own.

Last June, Mr Farmer launched the Dukakis campaign with a reception at the Park Plaza Hotel in New York at which he raised $2.2 million (£1.2 million) — three times more than any Democrat had ever collected at a single event. By the end of June, the campaign returns to the Federal Election Commission showed $4.6 million in contributions.

Since then, the campaign has collected more than $20 million, including federal matching funds, more than twice the amount of other candidates. This gave Mr Dukakis an enormous organizational advantage, and resources to buy the television advertisements that have helped him emerge as the front-runner. Indeed, fund-raising has gone so well that the campaign has the enviable problem of nearing the $27.6 million limit it is allowed to spend under federal law.

Mr Farmer approaches his job with a cool professionalism and a streamlined organization that would seem to come straight from the technical manuals he once produced. His strategy is to delegate fund-raising activities to key supporters who each pledge to bring in contributions from friends, family and business associates.

At the start of the campaign, Mr Farmer spent up to one hour with 300 people of influence and stature he had identified as his regional captains, discussing techniques, goals and eliciting promises that they would meet impressive targets.

"The secret is the number of grey-haired people willing to get committed. There are a lot of 22 year-old fund-raisers. We have a lot of people with pot-bellies and little or no hair." Some 775 people have been recruited for the Dukakis campaign. Of these, 600 have fulfilled their quotas of $10,000 each, about 130 have delivered $20,000 and a dozen at least $100,000. Long before "Super Tuesday" he had set up offices in 38 cities, with 240 paid staff.

Mr Farmer was helped at the start by the intense loyalty of Greek Americans, many of whom are wealthy and take pride in the candidacy of a fellow Greek. They contributed the vital early funds, and account for 15 per cent of the campaign's money. Massachusetts businessmen also saw it in their interest to help.

A graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School, Mr Farmer has been a Republican for most of his life, but later registered as a Democrat and worked as finance chairman for Mr Dukakis's gubernatorial campaign in 1982. He has dealt with all the senior party officials and admits that he would be tempted by an offer of a White House job, should Mr Dukakis win. But so far he is happy proving the maxim that money begets money.

New York puts Massachusetts governor on road to Democrat nomination

Jackson holds key to Dukakis hope of November triumph

From Charles Bremner, New York

A triumph in New York's hard-fought primary election has cleared the way for Mr Michael Dukakis to win the nomination as the Democratic presidential candidate, but his chances against Vice-President George Bush in November will depend heavily on his handling of the Rev Jesse Jackson.

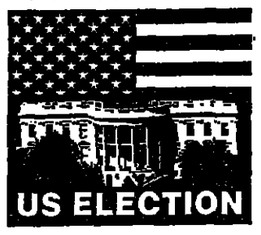
"If we can win here we can win anywhere," the normally cautious Mr Dukakis declared at his victory rally in New York before heading for the next campaign, in Pennsylvania, a state where he has long been strong favourite.

He added: "I think we've got a very, very good chance, not only of uniting the party, but of uniting the country and winning in November."

In New York, Mr Dukakis took 51 per cent of the vote, compared with 37 for Mr Jackson. Senator Albert Gore, who was not helped by the intemperate antics of his supporter, Mayor Edward Koch, won only 10 per cent. He indicated yesterday that he was pulling out of the race — a move that most benefits Mr Dukakis.

Party insiders agreed that, after a year of turmoil and confusion among the Democrats, the scene now appeared to be set for a November election between Mr Bush and the Massachusetts governor.

Not since Mr Jimmy Carter faced President Ford in 1976 has the country faced a choice between two such uninspiring performers. "Dull wins in '88," one headline read.



However, *The New York Times* said that Mr Dukakis had shown himself to be a virtuoso with his mild performance in the minefield of the New York campaign. "Despite urgings to paint himself more colourfully, he has remained centrist," it said.

Mr Dukakis's strategists were taken aback by polls which suggested that 60 per cent of the people who voted for him in New York did so only for want of a better candidate. More than half said that they would prefer Governor Mario Cuomo. But the key to a successful Dukakis ticket lies in the hands of Mr Jackson, who has emerged as a phenomenal leader with an army of supporters who will not easily tolerate exclusion from the party's decisions. The Chicago clergyman is expected to fight hard all the way to the last primaries in California and New Jersey on June 7.

Mr Dukakis must now win in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and the final primaries — all states that are more favourable to him than New York. But he and the party establishment must also avoid antagonizing Mr Jackson and his supporters.

By accommodating Mr Jackson, perhaps as vice-presidential candidate, Mr Dukakis will risk losing the South where the party depends on the old white conservative vote. If he includes a southerner on the ticket then he could alienate the Jackson wing.

Republican commentators have been making no attempt to disguise their glee at the dilemma that will face the Democrats at their Atlanta convention in July. Mr Jackson said yesterday that he wanted to build bridges, and he praised Mr Dukakis for keeping the New York race "out of the gutter", but he refused to talk about the vice-presidency.

A jubilant Mr Dukakis waving to supporters celebrating his New York primary victory.

To gain the magic majority of delegates at the convention, Mr Dukakis will need heavy backing from the 643 "superdelegates" — senior party office holders — and from the 400 or so uncommitted delegates. So far, he has 104 superdelegates against 45 for Mr Jackson. The Senate chose its 43 on Tuesday.

Mr Dukakis claimed 13 supporters, while Mr Jackson claimed none, and Senator Gore will represent himself. Mr Gore's bloc of 435 delegates gives him muscle to negotiate a deal, and his name is high on the list of potential vice-presidents.

As the Democratic bandwagon left the Big Apple, one man no longer on board was Governor Cuomo. His aides said yesterday that he firmly believed that Mr Dukakis was set to become nominee.

Michigan victory sowed seeds of certain defeat for campaign phenomenon

Geoffrey Smith

New York

After his victory here, it would now take a political earthquake to stop Governor Michael Dukakis getting the Democratic nomination. If that earthquake does not occur in the Pennsylvania primary next week, it would take a political miracle.

Even if he does not have enough delegates pledged to him by the time of the last primary in early June, he seems certain to be well out in front. He will be the clear winner of the primary process.

The choice for the party would then lie between nominating him or plunging into chaos. In those circumstances, enough uncommitted delegates and those now pledged to defeated candidates would throw their support to him.

This can be predicted all the more confidently because of the strength of the Rev Jesse Jackson. He has been the phenomenon of this campaign. The remaining primaries will be a direct fight between him and Mr Dukakis.

But, while Mr Jackson has has so far exceeded expectations, he still stands no chance of being elected presideat. He is too left-wing and too inexperienced, quite apart from considerations of racial prejudice. He is not acceptable to the majority of Democratic primary voters, never mind the uncommitted voters who will determine the presidential election itself in November.

So the more the Democratic race has narrowed to a choice between the two of them, the better it has been for Mr Dukakis. Otherwise Senator Albert Gore might have run more strongly in New York.

Mr Jackson is particularly unpopular among Jewish voters, who are such an important section of the New York electorate. Many of them were attracted to Senator Gore, but did not want to risk letting Mr Jackson in.

I believe, indeed, that Mr Jackson's victory in the Michigan caucuses last month ensured, paradoxically enough, that Mr Dukakis would get the nomination. As the threat of choosing an unelectable candidate suddenly seemed more credible, most Democratic voters tended to rally round the strongest alternative.

That is one reason for the success of a candidate who is criticized on all sides for being too dull. But Mr Dukakis has more positive qualities than that. He is well organized and well financed. He is unlikely ever to be an exciting campaigner, but he is developing a more assured touch.

The other morning I listened to him talking to a junior high school on drugs. He had a prepared speech of stupefying worthiness, which was circulated to the press but otherwise totally disregarded.

Instead, he conducted a teach-in with the children, walking up and down the hall as he engaged them in a discussion on how to deal with the problem. It was a brilliant performance.

He is also projecting himself rather effectively as a competent manager, not a thrilling sort of chap but the kind of person you can trust to get things done.

The personality of this campaign, though, is unquestionably Mr Jackson. I believe it would be disastrous for the Democrats if he were even the vice-presidential candidate. The American electorate would not be prepared to have him one heartbeat away from the Oval Office. But he has more eloquence than any of the others and a certain presence.

A few days ago, I watched him at a press conference receiving the endorsement of Hispanic leaders. His manner was imperious, as he made no attempt to ingratiate himself.

Then on Sunday morning, I saw a different Jesse Jackson in a television studio with the other candidates. During the commercial breaks in their debate, when they were off the air, he was ebullient, jovial, even on one occasion slapping Mr Dukakis playfully on the wrist.

The prospects for the Democrats will now depend not only on the contest but also on the chemistry between these two men. Mr Dukakis needs to defeat Mr Jackson now but to have his enthusiastic support for November.

Hijackers had 'eyes like sharks' as they threatened passengers with death

Freed hostages tell of monotony of fear

From Robert Fisk, Algiers

There were stories of terror and faith, of prayer and, of course, of gratuitous cruelty — when the hijackers beat a man of 71 who wanted to go to the lavatory.

But it was Abdul Mounin Mahmoud who captured the presentiment of death in his first minutes of freedom.

"When they pointed the gun at you and began as if they would shoot you," he said, "you found their faces became different; they had different eyes, a different expression in them — you could tell by the eyes — the eyes were terrible behind the mask." He was a tall, handsome young Egyptian, still dressed in his airline purser's blue and gold uniform, someone who had everything to live for and had considered this from the moment Kuwait Airways flight KU422 was hijacked 17 days earlier.

"From the very, very beginning, I thought of death," he said. "Because at the very beginning of the attack, I was No 1 to be approached by them because they thought I was (airline) security and they kept asking me, 'Where are the guns? Where are the security men?' It was the worse moment. They came to me with a gun and they had a cold blooded look — have you ever seen a shark in the water? They were these eyes exactly — no expression — pale-faced and very shaking hands, telling me to surrender. Then they put me on my face (on the floor) and two of them stood on my back."

The 31 remaining hostages aboard the Boeing 747 had walked — a few even ran — down the aircraft steps at dawn. Several waved. Others appeared haggard, half asleep after their participation in what might still count as the longest aircraft hijack in history. They grinned tiredly, only the aircraft crew shaking off the effects of their ordeal, appearing in the VIP lounge at Algiers airport in immaculate uniform.

Captain Sobhi Youssef, the pilot, sat in his gold-braided uniform, silver haired, distinguished, looking every bit the part of a seafarer who has brought his ship through storms to port.

It was difficult to believe that this was the man who, 10 days ago, pleaded to the Beirut airport control tower: "I beg you, I kiss your hand, I beg you again, please let me land."

Perhaps the hijack had gone on too long for the "Stockholm syndrome" — that old cliché in which passengers come to like their hijackers — to take effect. There was little love lost among the hostages for the seven or eight men who had tormented them for more than two weeks.

They showed thick and bloody weals around their wrists where the gunmen had pinioned them with plastic handcuffs, which cut into their flesh even when they prayed. Neither at prayer, nor when they were going to the lavatory were these handcuffs removed.

One hostage, a fire brigade employee from Kuwait who would give his name only as Ali, spoke repeatedly about the monotony of fear. "You could not tell what was happening," he said. "We did

● You think of what you have been doing with your life ●

not know where we were — the shades (on the aircraft windows) were pulled down. We were forbidden to talk to each other — the few times, a very few times, we were able to say to our fellow passengers: 'How's everything?' we were thinking 'When will we be killed?' What could we do? We had no force (to use); they had guns. If we talked, that meant (to the hijackers) that we were planning something."

Some had faith in God, others in their governments, a trust that the Kuwaiti authorities apparently honoured, though giving the impression that they might have to allow the hostages to die. "We did not know if the Government would release the prisoners (that the hijackers were demanding)," Ali said. "But we knew the Kuwait Government would never forget any Kuwaitis, inside or outside Kuwait."

Mr Khader al-Oteibi was more thoughtful. "At first, we cared about our lives," he said. "Then, later, we said 'If our time comes, it comes.' We knew our day would come. Sometimes I thought about God. I prayed where I was, in my seat. In Cyprus I prayed (when the plane was at Larnaca). I thought I was going to die in Cyprus.

Mr Mahmoud said he never prayed but he fasted on the first day of Ramadan. Nor, he says, did he know until he was freed yesterday morning and talked at last to the passengers, that the hijackers had murdered two hostages at Larnaca. "Some people heard the shots but we did not know. They took two persons away and I think they were the people they shot."

It turned out to be Mr Mahmoud's second hijacking. He had been a flight attendant aboard the Kuwait Airways flight hijacked in 1986 to Tehran when two American passengers were killed. "I had flashbacks to when I was a kid," he said. "You think of what you have been doing with your life. You think about all things."

The man who would only call himself Ali described without emotion how hijackers and passengers finally took leave of each other. "One hour before our release," he said. "I saw the hijackers for the last time. It was 3.45 or 4.00 (in the morning). I could not see their faces (through their masks) or hear anything. It was the last meal before our Ramadan fasting was to begin and the hijacker said to me: 'You had your breakfast?' Then he said: 'Okay, go to sleep.' I said I could not sleep. He said: 'Try to sleep' in a very friendly way. Later on, he disappeared."

Gunmen's pledge as Ramadan starts

Excerpts from the text of the gunmen's statement ending the hijack of the Kuwait Airways Boeing 747:

In the name of God the merciful ... Prayer and praise to our prophet Muhammad ... and all his companions.

Because of the arrival of the great holy month of Ramadan and because we wish to heal the wounds between Muslims, and also for Islamic and humanitarian reasons, we stress the following points:

● Our cause is right and determined by Islam. Every fighter and struggler endorses it. We repeat that we want to free our brothers in Kuwait as we look forward to freeing those in prisons in Europe and the reactionary Arab capitals, and our heroes in the jails of Israel and its collaborators, the Lebanese Phalangists.

● We have not dropped our demand for the freeing of our brothers in Kuwait.

● We call on Arab Muslim countries to confront Israeli aggression, which has penetrated deep into Muslim countries, and to challenge American influence with unity, fierce resistance and sacrifice. We call on them to stand up to the Americans and to the Shultz plan, which wants to bring the region to its knees and the beginning of which was an attempt to annihilate the Islamic resistance in southern (Lebanon). The only solution is to remove Israel from existence.

● We send a special greeting to the fighting Palestinian people, facing Israel alone in the field of war. (We send) greetings to the children who embraced the stones and soil of Jerusalem and we ask all Palestinians to stick together and hold on to their guns ... Israel proved it only wants killing and bloodshed by its murder of those who fired the first shots for the Palestinian Muslim revolution ...

After giving our Algerian brothers ... our deepest confidence and taking into consideration their wishes about the case of our brothers in Kuwait and their wishes about the prisoners, oppressed people and revolutionaries of the Muslim world and the freedom-seeking world ... we declare that we will end the plane incident on the third day of holy Ramadan, sending our greetings to the Kuwaiti people and to the people of the Hijaz (Saudi Arabia), who are demanding that the American agencies be thrown out and the region's identity restored.

Greetings to our people in Algeria. In the name of God the merciful and those who fought for us, we will show them the truth of our ways.

Step by step through the 16-day ordeal

Chronology of events in the Kuwait Airways hijacking:

Tuesday, April 5: Hijackers seize flight KU422 from Bangkok to Kuwait. The Boeing 747, with 97 passengers and 15 crew, lands at Mashhad, north-east Iran. A Jordanian passenger is freed. Arabic-speaking hijackers demand the release of 17 Arab militants jailed in Kuwait and say three members of Kuwait's ruling family on board — a man and his two younger sisters — are "in imminent danger".

Wednesday, April 6: Twenty-four women, including 10 Britons, are released.

Thursday, April 7: Hijackers release 32 more people, including the remaining 12 Britons, but later fire warning shots at security forces. Iran agrees to refuel the plane.

Friday, April 8: Plane takes off for Beirut. Circles Lebanese capital for nearly four hours but officials block runway. Airliner lands at Larnaca airport in Cyprus.

Saturday, April 9: Hijackers threaten to kill one passenger unless aircraft is fully refuelled, then shoot dead a Kuwaiti border guard. A Kuwaiti man released as a "goodwill gesture". Relatives in Kuwait later say he has disappeared.

Sunday, April 10: The pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad movement in Beirut threatens to kill its Western hostages if the jet is stormed.

Monday, April 11: Body of a Kuwaiti fireman thrown from the plane.

Tuesday, April 12: Plane refuelled. Twelve hostages released. Cyprus says negotiators have been assured remainder will be freed in Algeria. Boeing takes off for Algiers.

Wednesday, April 13: Plane arrives at Algiers. Mr Hadi Khediri, the Algerian Interior Minister, says hijackers promised to use no violence in Algeria but repeated their demands. An eight-man Kuwaiti delegation arrives.

Thursday, April 14: Hijackers agree to move the plane temporarily for the arrival of President Kaunda of Zambia. Mr Zaid Ahmed, a hostage, radios that hijackers "will kill us all" unless their demands are met. Hijackers release one Kuwaiti hostage.

Friday, April 15: Kuwait repeats refusal to do a deal with the gunmen and accuses hijackers of waiting for orders from Iran.

Saturday, April 16: Hijackers threaten to kill hostages. In statement to journalists at aircraft, they demand fuel to fly plane out, saying they do not want a massacre in Algiers. Kuwait asks Algeria to prevent the plane leaving.

Sunday, April 17: Hijacker requests 45 meals for hostages and gunmen as their last food before fasting from dawn to sunset during Ramadan.

Monday, April 18: Hostages start 14th day of captivity — the longest such ordeal in history on board a plane.

Tuesday, April 19: Kuwait's national football team offers to take the place of the hostages. Kuwaiti newspaper reports hijack will end within 24 hours and hostages freed.

Wednesday, April 20: Algerian mediator known as "Haj" boards plane for talks lasting 15 minutes. Hijackers read statement in Arabic ending hijack. Two women hostages descend aircraft steps, followed moments later by the remaining passengers, one clutching a teddy bear, and the crew. Airport sources say hijackers were spirited away from the plane in two groups about 45 minutes and 15 minutes before the hostages left.

Congressmen voice fears of American-Iranian war

Nunn seeks fresh look at US policy on the Gulf

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Mr Sam Nunn, the chairman of the Senate armed services committee, has called for US policies in the Gulf to be re-examined, warning that they might be dragging America into war with Iran.

As other congressmen expressed fears of an escalation and called for more co-ordination with US allies, moves were afoot to redraft the War Powers Resolution to make it more acceptable to the Reagan Administration.

Mr Nunn, a conservative Democrat who is among the Senate leaders proposing changes in the controversial resolution, said on Tuesday that the US had to make sure the attack on the Iranian ships and oil rigs did not become a US-Iranian war. "We've got to re-examine our policy."

The White House yesterday said it was immediately reviewing the rules of engagement in the Gulf. Mr Marlin Fitzwater, the spokesman, could not say whether there would be any changes.

Mr Nunn urged caution in the Gulf, but said the US should protect more ships in the Gulf than just those flying the US flag and that the US should attack again if it found that Iran had fired Silkworm missiles on Monday.

Mr John Warner, a Senator and a former Republican Navy Secretary, expressed the belief, widely held in Congress, that the other Western powers in the Gulf were not doing enough to help the US. "We'd like to see a more co-ordinated participation by our allies," he said. "We don't want to unilaterally be there."

Other Republicans expressed doubts over the US actions. Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the former Ambassador to the UN, said the US may not have been justified in the attack on Iran.

"I wish I knew whether that mine was aimed at us and was not just there," she said. "Obviously we don't want the Gulf to be mined ... But I think the confrontation is dangerous ... And it's not in the interest of anybody."

Her opposition voices a frustration on the right with Gulf policy, and a belief that the US should not pay such a big price to protect Arab shipping and oil for the European and Japanese markets.

At the same time, the rumbling discontent in Congress over the Administration's refusal to invoke the War Powers Resolution has prompted the Senate Democratic leadership to propose changes in the 1973 legislation that would drop automatic deadlines for congressional approval of long-term deployment of US troops in hostile situations. In a Bill due to be introduced next week, Mr Nunn has called instead for faster consideration of legislation to stop any such deployments, along with more consultation on military engagements as they develop.

The dangers of US military operations being stalemated by Congress have led to administrations' reluctance to invoke the War Powers Resolution. After bitter debate last summer, the Senate skirted the issue by approving a separate resolution requiring a report from the President.

● **LONDON:** The Government warned yesterday against foreign ships deliberately reflagging to take advantage of British naval protection in the Gulf (Martin Fletcher writes).

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, said that 87 ships had reflagged in 1987 alone and that the ability of the *Armilla* patrol to provide protection was being stretched to its limit.

● **PARIS:** Commercial ships flying the French flag were warned yesterday that the French Navy was temporarily suspending escort duties in the Gulf until the risks had been clearly evaluated and navigation had once again become reasonably safe.

Two of the crew of the USS Jack Williams in the Gulf holding Stinger anti-aircraft missile launchers as they scan the horizon for possible attacks by Iranian forces.

Jubilant Iraqis erase Iranian traces at Fao

From Subhy Haddad, Fao, southern Iraq

Dozens of Iranian corpses litter both sides of the 20-mile rough road leading down the narrow strip of land to Fao in south Iraq.

Earthmovers were busy turning soil on to the corpses as reporters toured the area only hours after Iraqi troops recaptured it on Tuesday. Not a living Iranian soldier was seen on the peninsula.

A fat Iraqi corporal opened machinegun fire on a portrait of Ayatollah Khomenei, the Iranian leader, as other soldiers tore up placards, pamphlets and signs carrying his sayings. More Iraqi troops danced and chanted: "Death to Khomeini and long live (Iraqi President) Saddam Hussein".

More than 200 Iranian prisoners-of-war, all Revolutionary Guards, were being held in a big yard in front of the Iraqi Army headquarters on the peninsula.

Bunkers and armaments installed during Iran's 26-month occupation of the southern terminal and crushed in the assault, were also vanishing under soil as the earthmovers moved relentlessly forward.

Even some Iranian tanks, armoured vehicles and heavy machine guns, which looked intact, were being dumped under the salty and muddy soil of the Fao peninsula.

Happy young Iraqi soldiers in hundreds of tanks, armoured personnel carriers and trucks gave victory signs and fired in the air in triumph.

Reporters were driven in army vehicles the 55 miles from the port city of Basra to Fao, once a busy terminal for exports and for goods arriving in Iraq through the Gulf.

Of the buildings put up by the British Army during its occupation in the early 1920s only two or three half-demolished structures remained. A large sign in Arabic on one wall read: "The headquarters of the Supreme Islamic Council of Iraq". This is a group led by a dissident Iraqi Shia mullah, Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim, who lives in Tehran.

At least two 175 mm recoilless gun batteries were captured intact, their barrels pointing northwards towards the old Iraqi lines. No enemy gunfire was heard as the dozens of jeeps roared through the town, some as far as Ras al-Bisha, the last Iraqi township at the end of the narrow peninsula.

Ras al-Bisha sits on the point where the Shatt al-Arab waterway, which divides the two warring nations' lands in the south, flows into the Gulf.

An Iranian F4 Phantom jet opened rocket fire at the Iraqi side close to one of the reporters' vehicles, set some palm trees ablaze but caused no casualties. Iraq said later it had shot down the aircraft. Other vehicles came under heavy machine gun fire from the Iranian bank but no damage was reported.

"Not a single enemy soldier exists on the peninsula's territory now ... Our brave soldiers have completely liquidated the invaders and only a few were able to escape, swimming through the cold water of the Shatt al-Arab," a high-ranking military official asserted.

He said the Seventh Army corps had liberated the areas west of the waterway in 24 hours. The Presidential Guards corps had attacked on two axis. One pressed towards the Mamlaha — a salt pan isolating the dry land near Fao from the Iraqi forces. The second launched a drive to the coastal road running parallel to Khawr abd Allah channel up to Ras al-Bisha, the last Iraqi township at the end of the peninsula.

The officer said the Iraqi troops, after brief battles, were able to destroy all the bunkers and artificial water barriers and freed the whole triangular peninsula in 34 hours.

The officer denied an Iranian claim that Iraqi forces used the nearby Kuwaiti island of Bubiyan to attack Fao from the south.

"This is completely incorrect ... We have not used any non-Iraqi territory," he maintained.

Iraq's Air Force destroyed bridges connecting Fao with the Iranian bank of the Shatt al-Arab early in the battle on Sunday, the officer said.

He said an Iranian counterattack was not expected in the near future. *(Reuter)*

Kuwait (Reuter) — Iran fired a missile at a US-operated oilfield in southern Kuwait yesterday in apparent revenge for heavy losses in recent Gulf fighting against Iraq and the United States, Kuwaiti officials said.

A Soviet-made Scud missile exploded in the desert near the al-Wafra oilfield at 3.15am but caused no damage or casualties, they added.

Suleiman Majid al-Shaheen, under-secretary at the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry, protested to the Iranian Chargé d'Affaires, saying the attack gave a significant new boost to tension in the region.

● **BAGHDAD:** Iraq yesterday offered Iran a conditional halt to attacks on civilian centres in their war of the cities, saying it would observe the ceasefire from midnight.

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French presidential election

Chirac tunes in to grapevine reports on voter concerns

From Philip Jacobson, Paris

Although French law has finally silenced the barrage of public opinion polls in the run-up to next Sunday's first round of the presidential election, one highly developed form of political pulse-taking will remain active to the last minute.

As the countdown shortens, he *Renseignements Généraux* is providing the Government of M Jacques Chirac with what amounts to a private grapevine that extends to every class of voter in every corner of the country.

Since he is also the front-running candidate of the right, M Chirac is in the position, alone among his rivals, of receiving a "second opinion" to the polls published almost daily for many weeks. Seasoned politician that he is, the Prime Minister is not going to miss the chance to exploit any theme which seems promising as voters get down to the business of making up their minds for the first poll.

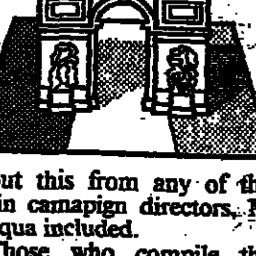
Operated by the national police force and responsible to the Ministry of the Interior, the "general advisory service" is formally charged with "research and centralization of political, social and economic information" of interest to the government of the day. Before every national election in France since 1951, its enquirers have fanned out to sample and analyse the mood of the nation at everything from council meetings and cattle shows to village fêtes ard wine tastings.

What emerges from all this pavement pounding and listening might not be acceptable to a conventional opinion poll in content or methodology, but the special "feel" on which the service relies when it comes to interpreting material is what interests the politicians.

Take the election for the European Parliament in June 1984. In the final phase of the campaigning, adivisory service predicted that, in spite of its poor showing in published polls, the National Front of M Jean-Marie Le Pen — considered then to be politically marginal — would win 10 per cent or more of the vote. The final count was more than 11 per cent. Three years earlier, when M François Mitterrand was campaigning to oust M Valéry Giscard d'Estaing from the Elysée Palace, reports from the service showed the incumbent President was in trouble well before his support started ebbing in the polls. According to some observers, President Giscard acknowledged he would probably be beaten on the basis of what the private grapevine was telling him.

This time it is the Chirac camp which claims the public polls, showing their man trailing badly behind President Mitterrand, are out of line with the "grapevine" reports. Some weeks before the President had announced he would seek a second term, the wily M Charles Pasqua, who doubles as M Chirac's Interior Minister and chief campaign strategist, let it be known that his figures showed M Mitterrand was certain to be beaten.

He would say that, and the Mitterrand camp was predictably dismissive. Since then, we have not heard much about this from any of the main camapign directors, M Pasqua included.



Those who compile the service'sreports are an understandably wary group. No politician in the world welcomes figures showing that a rival is doing better. After that first prediction about the National Front's unexpected advance it is said that the figures were sent back for "revision" — that is, suitable reduction — because the Socialist Government of the day would have refused to accept them.

No wonder that an official concerned with compiling the present *Renseignements Généraux* reports told *Le Monde* of his rule for presenting less than exhilarating returns to his political masters: "You cannot be brutal ... Never say to the government, 'Your M Dupont is going to get beaten.' Rather, that while M Dupont is not best placed to win, his personal dynamism could still do the trick."

With the prodigiously dynamic M Jacques Chirac apparently beginning to make up some ground on M Mitterrand, that should be music for sore ears.

● **Le Pen's price:** M Jean-Marie Le Pen said the price of his backing another candidate in the final round of the presidential election would be the pursuit of a "French-first" policy of discrimination against Third World immigrants (Reuter reports).

If M Jacques Chirac reaches the final round, he will need a large part of M Le Pen's support. M Le Pen will tell his supporters of his decision at a rally in Paris on May 1. He said he would press for "national preference" policies in welfare, housing and jobs.

Paris — A patisserie in Compiègne, is selling chocolate figures of the four main presidential candidates like, well, hot cakes at about £8 each (Philip Jacobson writes). It seems that M Jean-Marie Le Pen is in greatest demand, though this might be interpreted in some quarters as being due to desire to bite his head off.

Palestinian uprising sours a joyous anniversary in the Jewish calendar

40 years on, Israel still haunted by fears of war

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israel began its fortieth birthday celebrations yesterday by going into mourning. At 11 am the air-raid sirens sounded across the land for the annual two minutes' silence in memory of the 16,450 Israelis who have died in the battle for the independence and recognition yet to be conclusively won.

Memorial Day has been fixed immediately before Independence Day, because the troubled birth and difficult life of the nation has meant the death of so many. Israel has been at war throughout its existence.

The precautions surrounding yesterday's events illustrate the necessary national fixation with security. In case one of Israel's enemies should have decided to time an air raid for precisely 11 am, when the sirens would not have alerted the people to danger, a special rising and falling signal would have sounded instead.

Security preoccupations, which have so dominated everyday life — particularly since the Palestinian unrest erupted four months ago — have somewhat soured the celebrations, which were meant to be a joyous recognition that the country was reaching maturity.

The blue and white national flags are up in the streets and stretched over the rusted hulks of armoured cars, which are preserved as a national monument where they were ambushed in the Arab siege of Jerusalem 40 years ago.

There will be dancing and picnicking in the parks today and fireworks almost everywhere tonight. Orchestras will play, ethnic groups will put on folk displays, and the armed forces will enact a spectacular capture of the national football stadium with helicopters, exploding shells, smokescreens and hundreds of blanks. This is likely to be the most popular event of all. For despite Israel's many splendid achievements in science and the arts, military shows are a favourite.

The first question Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, was asked in a radio interview yesterday was: "Can you give an assessment of the risk of war?"

Mr Shamir

● The risk of war is ever present. The question is when? ●

He replied: "The risk of war is ever present. The question is when? Will it be in the distant future?"

The answer was not all that different from what David Ben-Gurion said soon after he declared Israel an independent state. He made his first radio broadcast from an air-raid shelter in Tel Aviv as Egyptian aircraft bombed the city. Mr Shamir gave his interview in relative safety in a very quiet Jerusalem, but his answers showed a kind of bunker mentality, inevitable in a leader who has been at war for most of his adult life. "There are two things we can do in order to keep war far away," he said. "Increase security so that our deterrent power will prevent such a danger from drawing near, and secondly to work to achieve peace."

But even as he appealed to the Arabs to talk, the Army sealed off the Occupied Territories, virtually re-establishing the border between them and Israel which Mr Shamir and his followers would prefer to abolish altogether in order to create a country stretching from the river Jordan to the Mediterranean.

The army clampdown was imposed along with a curfew on all refugee camps in the West Bank and Gaza Strip in an attempt to stop Palestinian demonstrations marking the burial in Damascus of Khalil al-Wazir, the PLO leader known as Abu Jihad, assassinated in Tunis.

The curfews are to continue today and tomorrow to prevent the traditional protests over Independence Day and demonstrations against the deportation on Tuesday of eight more Palestinians. With the death toll in the past four months of those shot by Israeli troops now exceeding 150, there are no real signs that the unrest is diminishing.

Force, Mr Shamir said, is still the only way to deal with the unrest. His views are certainly not shared by many Israelis, who make full and vociferous use of their democratic rights to criticize him. They point to the occupation of the territories as brutalizing young soldiers. They see the growth of the Arab population as a demographic timebomb which will explode early in the next century if it is not defused now by a peace settlement. They argue that the peace with Egypt proved that the right concessions will win the recognition Israel needs, so that it can live inside secure borders instead of ceasefire lines.

An Israeli woman weeping over her son's grave at a military cemetery in Jerusalem during yesterday's Memorial Day commemoration of those killed in the battle for independence.

It is, perhaps, Israel's main achievement that it has succeeded in creating a lively democracy despite the fact that the vast majority of its original immigrants came from Arab or east European countries where democracy was unknown. Israeli democracy has weaknesses because minority views have disproportionate power. This means that extremist views such as those of Rabbi Meir Kahane, advocating expulsion of the Arabs, can be aired in the Knesset and gain a wider audience than in a less democratic state.

At the other extreme are the groups like Yesh Gvul, which want to return all the occupied areas to the Palestinians. "We find it sad and ludicrous when a people celebrates its own independence while simultaneously cruelly denying the independence of another people," the group said in a statement yesterday.

The group will also be picketing in support of seven of their members in prison for refusing to serve in the territories. The majority of Israelis, however, are prepared to serve anywhere. Almost every man up to the age of 50 is ready to give up a month a year.

Israeli military supremacy is expensive to maintain. Despite American military aid of about £1 billion a year, the country still has to spend half its available money on defence. Military chiefs complain that there is still not enough cash for proper training and the best equipment. Shortage of money forced the Government last year to cancel development of the Lavi, one of the most sophisticated war planes ever designed.

It was one of the least sophisticated of all flying machines, a motorized hang-glider, which last November inflicted on the Israeli Army one of its worst psychological setbacks. When its Palestinian pilot landed from south Lebanon and killed six soldiers before he was shot down, he helped inspire the current unrest. "Six to one" has become a Palestinian slogan. More important, however, was the fact that one soldier ran away from the gunman. The idea that Israeli soldiers can be made to run has borne dangerous fruit.

Israeli youngsters, however, are not prone to run away. They tend to be self-assured and are often accused of arrogance. They are a new breed of Jew, the product of an independent state and not of the ghettos. Watching the trial of John Demjanjuk, accused of being "Ivan the Terrible", they were amazed that Jews would have meekly walked to a humiliating death. "They would never have made us do that," one youngster told Israeli television. His generation is the main product of Israel's 40 years.

Gang kills priest at Zimbabwe mission

Harare — A Roman Catholic missionary, Brother Killian Knoerl, aged 58, has been killed in Zimbabwe's Matabeleland province in the most serious violence since President Mugabe concluded a unity accord with the opposition Zapu on December 22 (Michael Hartnack writes). The gang injured another priest and stole money.

The killing was on Tuesday night at Empandeni mission, the scene in 1985 of the murder of a headmaster, Mr Luke Khumalo, and his British wife, Jean.

Baltic dash

Hamburg (Reuter) — Two East German men, who said they were political refugees, paddled a rubber dinghy 35 miles across the Baltic to West Germany.

Relics found

L'Aquila, Italy (AFP) — The stolen bones and skull of Pope Celestine V, the 13th century hermit, have been recovered intact in a cemetery at Amatrice, near here.

Senegal trial

Abidjan, Ivory Coast (AP) — The Opposition leader, Mr Abdoulaye Wade, and several colleagues are to go on trial for inciting riots after losing the February 28 elections.

Mud deaths

Bingol, Turkey (AP) — Mudslides after five days of rain have killed 10 people in the village of Yeldegirmeni in this eastern province.

Rebel plea

Nairobi (AP) — Ethiopian rebels have urged the international community to stop aid to the Government, which they claim is planning to massacre civilians.

PLO chief misses funeral

Arafat visits Gadaffi as Abu Jihad is buried

Damascus (AFP) — Abu Jihad, the assassinated Palestinian leader, was buried yesterday afternoon at the Yarmouk refugee camp cemetery south of the Syrian capital. The burial was not attended by Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organization chief, who was earlier reported to be in the Libyan capital.

Abu Jihad's coffin was carried by various Palestinians at the Yarmouk compound to its burial site. The ceremony was attended by his widow and children, his parents and senior PLO leaders.

Earlier, three black limousines carrying Syrian officials led the funeral procession. An ambulance carrying Abu Jihad's body, and several other vehicles, followed the motorcade, with the dead man's family and Palestinian youths flashing victory signs.

The body of Abu Jihad, whose real name was Khalil al-Wazir, was transported from the Ash-Shifa hospital.

Abu Jihad, the PLO's second in command, was assassinated in his Tunis villa early on Saturday. Well-informed sources in Israel have said the killing was carried out by Israeli commandos.

Mr Farouk Kaddoumi, the head of the PLO's political department, attended the funeral as did senior figures from several Arab countries, including Mr Marwan Doudin, the Jordanian Minister of Occupied Territories, and Mr Muhammad Sherif Messaadia, deputy leader of Algeria's ruling party.

Reliable Palestinian sources in Tunis, meanwhile, denied earlier reports that Mr Arafat was on his way to Damascus for the funeral from Tripoli, together with Colonel Gadaffi, the Libyan leader.

Mr Arafat arrived in the Libyan capital late on Tuesday for his first meeting with Colonel Gadaffi since 1982, according to Mr Bassam Abu Sharif, a PLO spokesman.

The PLO leader wanted to travel to Damascus if he could hold talks with President Assad as well as attend the funeral, sources said. However, 90 minutes after the start of the funeral Mr Arafat was still in the Libyan capital, reports said.

Libya, Algeria and the Soviet Union have reportedly tried to convince Mr Arafat to embark on his first visit to Syria in five years.

Mr Arafat, along with other senior PLO officials, was expelled from Syria in 1983 after he had accused Damascus of supporting an internal rebellion within the organization's ranks. But Abu Jihad's burial here could open the way for a rapprochement between Syria and the PLO, sealed by a visit to Damascus by Mr Arafat, analysts said.

Damascus has demanded that the PLO break off its links with Egypt, support Syria's policies in the region and abandon its dialogue with Israeli pacifists.

Stockholm (Reuter) — Mr Sten Andersson, the Swedish Foreign Minister, is to boycott a celebration today marking Israel's 40th anniversary, in protest against the assassination of Abu Jihad, the PLO military commander. He was to have made the keynote speech to a gathering in Stockholm City Hall.

Defiant Noriega forces US to re-think failing policies

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The Reagan Administration has embarked on a sweeping re-evaluation of its tactics to bring down General Manuel Noriega, the Panamanian dictator, in the face of increasingly bitter disputes between senior officials at the White House, the State Department and the Pentagon.

The US Embassy in Panama, too, is embroiled in arguments with Washington about whether the Panamanian economy is being irreversibly damaged by US sanctions. There is an increasing sense that policy is failing in the face of General Noriega's ability to hang on to power.

Some US corporations with operations in Panama are warning that without some respite they may have to close. Since April 8 they have been banned by the Administration from paying taxes to the Noriega Government, putting them in danger of violating Panamanian law.

A senior State Department official has been in Panama to reassess US policy. Mr Michael Kozak, principal deputy to Mr Elliott Abrams, Assistant Secretary of State for Latin America, returned from Panama early this week with a bleak assessment of the chances of early success for the current strategy.

Many observers believe that General Noriega is capable of hanging on for some time in spite of the parlous state of the economy, brought about by American sanctions. A reshuffle in the Panamanian Defence Forces after an abortive coup in March appears to have reduced the chances of further domestic military moves against him.

Both Mr Abrams and Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, favour military steps to bring down General Noriega but, so far, President Reagan has accepted the advice of Mr Frank Carlucci, the Defence Secretary, who believes military intervention would inflict grievous damage on relations with the rest of Latin America.

The immediate options appear to be to increase economic sanctions, or to ease the pressure in return for attempting to persuade General Noriega to leave the country. US drug charges against him could be dropped in a deal in which he would be offered safe passage into exile. Some officials have suggested bringing in a mediator between Washington and Panama. President Arias of Costa Rica has been mentioned, but he is not favoured by hardliners like Mr Abrams.

General Noriega: Ability to hang on to power.

President Reagan's latest economic sanctions have exasperated American firms who are trying to understand the complex rules. Some individuals are being allowed to pay electricity and telephone bills, while companies are told they must not do so.

A feeling that American policy is in turmoil was reinforced by the reopening of foreign and Panamanian banks on Tuesday, although they are only accepting deposits. Only a small amount of money is being deposited but even that should help the Government meet its payroll for a little longer.

Señor Eric Delvalle, who is recognized by the US as the President of Panama, said in an interview from his hideout that he would welcome military action by the Panamanian forces or a multinational force, but not by the US.

Former President Jimmy Carter, the architect of the Panama Canal treaties, criticized President Reagan's policies towards Panama.

"Ultimately, Noriega is more likely to give up his authority as a result of unpublicized pressures and enticements than through public challenges and sustained punishment of the citizens of his country," he said.

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Wages of poll tax non-payers may be attached

JAIL THREAT

People who fail to pay the community charge face the prospect of having the money taken directly from their wages, Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Local Government, made clear when MPs embarked on the third day of the report stage of the Local Government Finance Bill.

The Government was warned by a Labour MP that there would be a campaign of disruption against collecting the tax in Liverpool. But any such proposal was rejected by Labour's spokesman. He said that such a campaign would be a non-starter.

Mr Howard moved a Government amendment setting out in detail the arrangements for recovering unpaid charges.

He said that the enforcement arrangements for the rates would be carried over to the new system with one important difference. The charging authorities would be able to "attach" or take directly from the person's earnings unpaid community charge.

He was sure that the great majority of people would pay the community charge just as they paid the rates at present.

Opposition amendments sought to remove the power to commit to prison for refusal to pay. Committal was not widely used. Fewer rthan 400 people had been committed for non-payment of rates in 1986.

"I am confident that considerably fewer will be committed after 1990 because instalments, direct payment methods and obligatory reminders will reduce the need to pursue arrears through the courts and because attachment of earnings will make it much more difficult to refuse to pay."

Committal had proved an effective final sanction over the years under the present system. Without it, local authorities would face a far harder task in collecting from those few people who persistenly refused to meet their financial obligations. Those who operated the system recognized its value as a last resort.

It would be quite wrong if people whose benefits were increased to help them to pay the community charge would be able to avoid payment without being subject to the same sanctions as those in employment.

Mr Terence Fields (Liverpool, Broadgreen, Lab) said that activists in Liverpool would be campaigning to undermine the poll tax. They would be advocating that Liverpool City Council should refuse to implement the community charge. They would campaign on the estates and places of work to try to offset what the Government was doing to working people.

Mr Howard said that this was a most important matter which the people of Liverpool would no doubt take account of in the local elections.

Mr Jeffrey Rooker, an Opposition spokesman on the environment, said that it was a fundamental misconception to think that local authorities could decide how to collect the poll tax.

It was OK for individual Labour MPs or councillors to advocate any policy they liked in a democracy. But the idea that a policy of non-collection, non-administration or slowing down of collection could be carried out by a council was a non-starter because the council was not the body empowered to collect the poll tax.

The body, indeed the person, was the local authority treasurer. The whole swathe of collection powers went not to the authority but to the treasurer.

The idea of councillors or party members advocating a campaign of non-payment or slowing down of collection which would lead directly to either attachment of earnings, distress warrants or prison and then going back to those same electors who have suffered attachment, distress or prison and asking them to vote Labour would be seen as a non-starter.

This was because the local authority was in no position to carry out the mandate which was advocated by non-collection or slowing down. It was a fundamental misconception to think the local authority was in control.

Mr Fields intervened to say that in Liverpool the local authority workforce had taken a conscious decision not to comply with government demands. There was still massive support for that local authority.

Mr Rooker said that a local authority would not be a position to salvage or save its employees. It was being taken completely out of the hands of the local authority.

Labour MPs had got to get into their minds that it would be no good asking the local authority to be a long stop because the local authority would not have the powers.

Councillors would not be able to sack the treasurer, or tell him to slow down, or deprive him of manpower or materials because he could get these resources from the Government. He was not responsible to the local authority.

Mr Harry Cohen (Leyton, Lab) intervened to say that the logic of Mr Rooker's remarks was that councils should say to their treasurers: We are not going to give you any resources because the Government can give you these resources. Go to the Government and get them.

Mr Rooker said that the Government would not give the treasurers any extra money. The Government would subvent the authority's own money.

He wanted clarification of the right to pay poll tax by instalments. Most people at the moment paid their annual rates in two instalments, but there would be a gigantic increase in the number of people wishing to pay their poll tax in instalments. Would the banking system be able to cope?

A local authority treasurer might decide for himself, without the authority of his council, that he was going to have personal identity numbers made up from a person's date of birth and their initials.

If people said they would give their name and address and promised to pay the poll tax but refused to give any further details because they believed such identity numbers to be unnecessary, they could be fined £50 by the treasurer without having the chance to argue the case in court.

Mr Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C) asked Mr Rooker if he would dissociate himself on behalf of the Labour Party from the policy of civil disobience advocated by Mr Fields.

Mr Rooker: We have made it clear that we are in favour of obeying the law, a law which we oppose and will repeal at the first opportunity and a law whose implementation we are not going to co-operate in.

Ridley warning for the Lords

ENVIRONMENT

Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, said he hoped that the Lords would not feel inclined to change the principle of the community charge which had been approved by the electorate.

Proposals for the charge had been set out clearly in the election manifesto on the basis of which the Government had been elected with a majority of 101 over all other parties.

Mr John McAllion (Dundee East, Lab) asked Mr Ridley to reflect on the Conservative Party's manifesto pledge to replace rates with a fairer system of local taxation.

It was a constitutional reality that, since Mr Ridley had been unable to convince his own backbenchers that the poll tax was fairer than rates, the Lords would be perfectly justified in amending it to reflect not the embattled minority in Downing Street but the real majority in England, Scotland and Wales.

Mr Ridley said that the manifesto on which the Conservatives fought the election last year had set out clearly every aspect of the Government's proposals in relation to the community charge.

Mr Robin Squire (Hornchurch, C) asked whether, when looking at the majority who were not eligible for rebates, it was fair that the poorest should pay the same as the richest.

Mr Ridley said that the poorest would not pay the same as the richest because of the extensive and expanded system of rebates.

Dr John Cunningham, Opposition spokesman for the environment, asked how Mr Ridley squared his determination to plough ahead with a flat-rate poll tax with the responses given that day by Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, and Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Trade and Industry – in Westminster Abbey in response to a question from the Archbishop of Canterbury launching the Church Urban Fund – "To share our wealth with those in the inner cities who are poor, powerless and disadvantaged and to help them to build a new future for themselves and for us all". How did Mr Ridley square that with the poll tax? (Labour cheers)

Mr Ridley: By not imposing (the suggested Labour policy of) capital value rating and local income tax (Conservative cheers).

Archbishop Runcie and Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, at Westminster Abbey yesterday for a service to launch the Church Urban Fund, which is intended to help the poor in Britain's cities (Photograph: John Manning)

MPs in Zola Budd row

The controversy surrounded the runner Zola Budd and demands that she should be banned from competition for 12 months brought some heated clashes during Commons questions about sport in the inner cities.

Mr Tom Pendry (Stalybridge and Hyde, Lab) asked Mr Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport, to discuss with the Sports Council chairman the poor provision for athletics in the inner cities "which must have been a contributory factor in the importation of the South African-born runner Zola Budd who acquired British nationality to qualify for the Olympic Games".

He asked Mr Moynihan to stand up for British athletes, many from the inner cities, who had toiled hard to qualify for the Seoul Olympics, and to back the International Amateur Athletics Federation decision.

Would Mr Moynihan stand as firmly behind that decision "as when he defied the Thatcher boycott of the Olympic Games in 1980".

Mr Moynihan said that the British Amateur Athletics Board had upheld the Gleneagles Agreement. The specific issue for the board's consideration was the interpretation of 'taking part'. "That is not a matter for government."

Mr John Carlisle (Luton North, C) said that the Sports Council and the BAAB had done admirable work in the inner cities. But the reputation for both these organizations would be greatly enhanced if they stood firm on the rejection of the proposals of the IAAF to ban Zola Budd. Many British athletes would support the board.

Miss Diane Abbott (Hackney North and Stoke Newington, Lab): Zola Budd, far from being a poor little girl, as one Tory MP has referred to her, is a walking, talking, running, public-relations stunt for apartheid in Southern Africa, and it will be a slap in the face for hundreds of black athletes who run for Britain and for the Commonwealth if this Government is not seen to support the letter and the spirit of the Gleneagles Agreement on the matter.

Mr Moynihan: I strongly disagree with her personal view of Zola Budd.

The Government was committed, along with Commonwealth countries, to uphold the Gleneagles Agreement, and that had nothing to do with the specific decision that the BAAB would have to face when it met on Sunday.

Mr Nicholas Winterton (C) said that no good would be done for sport in inner cities or anywhere else in the United Kingdom, or throughout the world, "if an innocent, talented young athlete – (Labour interruptions) – is treated in the most disgraceful way by any international board when she has committed no offence at all".

Mr Denis Howell, Opposition spokesman on sport, said that Mr Moynihan should ensure, in any discussions on Zola Budd's case, that he did not repeat the Government's "tragic mistakes" of 1980 over the Moscow Olympics. That had "alienated sporting opinion from this country ever since".

The IAAF had an absolute duty to protect sport from any taint of apartheid. The Government itself had a duty to protect the right of every other British sportsman and sportswoman to take advantage of this year's Olympic Games.

Mr Moynihan said that decisions on the matter were for the governing bodies, and that view should be shared on both sides of the House.

"We have to wait and see the outcome of the meeting of the BAAB on Sunday and take a decision then to see whether or not, so far as Gleneagles is concerned, it becomes a matter for government."

Hogg lists killer's property

A list of the property recovered from Michael Ryan's body and his car last August after the Hungerford shootings was given to the Commons in written replies by **Mr Douglas Hogg**, Under Secretary of State, Home Office.

Replying to more than 20 questions by Mr William Ross (Londonderry East, OUP), **Mr Hogg** said that at the school where he died, police recovered spent cartridge cases and bullets, a Beretta pistol and a pair of handcuffs.

Ryan's car contained ammunition, spent and live; body armour; a gas mask; woollen balaclava; water bottle; survival kit; waterproof jacket; camouflage trousers; cotton over-trousers; waterproof poncho; and two haversacks.

Ryan had authority to possess a 9mm pistol and a .38 revolver. He also had authority to possess a maximum at any one time 500 rounds each of 9mm, .38, .22, .32, 7.62mm and .30 calibre ammunition.

EEC jobs

A further five million jobs could be created within the EEC by the single internal market by 1992, **Lord Young of Graffham**, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said during questions.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; Prime Minister. Local Government Finance Bill, report, fourth day.
Lords (3): Regional Development Grants (Termination) Bill, Public Utility Transfers and Water Charges Bill, and Immigration Bill, third readings. Debate on investment in the Airbus.

Correction

In the list of Conservative MPs who voted in favour of an amendment to the Health and Medicines Bill against the charging of fees for NHS eye tests (reported in later editions on April 15), the name of Sir Philip Goodhart (Beckenham) should have appeared, instead of that of Mr Alastair Goodlad (Eddisbury).

Ezra's scheme for London traffic

HOUSE OF LORDS

A minister should be put in charge of London traffic, and a co-ordinated five-point plan adopted to tackle the growing congestion in the capital's streets, **Lord Ezra** (SLD), said during a Lords debate on transport.

Many peers voiced concern about the state of London's roads and also the effect of the deregulation of bus services.

Lord Ezra said that the average speed of traffic in London was 12 mph, dropping to 8 mph in central London. Those speeds were progressively diminishing.

It had been estimated that by 2001, 52 per cent of those living and working in London would use their cars, compared to 35 per cent in 1981. The cost of traffic congestion had been running at about £3 billion a year.

The trouble needed a co-ordinated, concerted approach. From reports and the recent articles in *The Times*, the solutions needed were becoming clear.

A five-point plan for London's traffic should be aimed at:
- Effective enforcement of parking rules, including restraints on cars coming into inner London;
- improved traffic management schemes;
- better roads;
- better public transport; and
- a policy to cope with the increase in coaches.

Lord Teviot (C), a former bus driver, said that since the deregulation of bus services, which many hoped would improve services, the number of passengers had fallen by between 10 and 15 per cent outside London.

Good public transport could do much to overcome traffic congestion; for instance, one bus could replace 40 cars.

Planning appeal 'risk'

ENVIRONMENT

There was a risk of developers who wanted to build private housing overloading the system with appeals, most of which would be rejected, **Mr William Waldegrave**, Minister of State, Environment, said during question time.

He said that the success rate for planning appeals against decisions on residential development was much lower than for other kinds of development, and developers should be aware of that.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch, C) had asked for legislation to repeal those parts of the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947, that gave a planning presumption in favour of the developer, but Mr Waldegrave rejected that request.

Mr Adley: Planning needs and environmental attitudes have changed fundamentally since the days of war-ravaged Britain of 1947.

If the minister accepts that, planning law today should meet the requirements of today and

Mr Adley: Attitudes have changed fundamentally

particularly should take account of the fact that parts of the country are suffering over-development, not under-development (Conservative cheers).

Mr Waldegrave: The 1947 and 1971 Acts have stood the country in good stead. They can deliver the kind of planning we need. It is true that the kind of requirements change from time to time.

In 1980, we issued a circular emphasizing the importance of getting planning applications agreed and reminding authorities that they must always grant permission unless there are important reasons against. Since then we have drawn the attention of inspectors to the importance of taking account of up-to-date plans.

Mr Andrew MacKay (East Berkshire, C): In areas of excessive development such as Berkshire, the democratically elected representatives on local authorities resent the many appeals granted to developers which give the clear impression that there is a presumption in favour of developers.

Mr Waldegrave: There is. That is the basis of the system. The British system is that people can do what they like with their property so long as an important interest is not damaged thereby.

Minister queried on land sales

A total of 2,558 acres of surplus land, which had been passed to the Property Services Agency for disposal, remained unsold after 12 months, but the PSA had been selling land at the rate of 2,200 acres a year for the past four years, **Mr Christopher Chope**, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said during questions.

He was replying to **Mr John Bowis** (Battersea, C), who hoped that the minister could persuade the PSA sell the land more quickly.

Mr David Nicholson (Taunton, C) said that it was paradoxical that there was controversy over housing developments on "Green Belt" sites while in the West Midlands and Greater Manchester there were vast tracts of derelict land.

Mr Chope said that he shared Mr Nicholson's frustration at the amount of under-used land that could be brought into development, particularly for housing. That was why the Government gave priority to the disposal of its own land quickly.

- **Mr Chope** rejected allegations during question time that the Government was failing to take account of the interests of staff in its plans to privatize the Crown Suppliers.

He said that when he had met members of the workforce, they had recognized that he was taking close account of their interests.

Mr Tam Dalyell (Linlithgow, Lab) asked how the public interest was to be taken into account in the privatization of the Crown Suppliers and how severance pay and pensions were to be guaranteed.

Mr Chope said that the public interest would always be taken into account in any privatization project. Accrued pension rights would be protected, or transferred to the new scheme if staff so wished.

Academics 'will not suffer because of their views'

Concessions promised to help staff

The following report of a Lords debate on the Education Reform Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

HOUSE OF LORDS

The Government promised further concessions in the Bill to prevent the victimization of academic staff because of their views.

Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, sought to assure peers that the Government believed that academic freedom was a vital element in the higher education system.

Many peers taking part in the second day of the Bill's second reading debate, however, spoke of the dangers of the provisions to the independence of Britain's universities.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said that it should be possible for schools which had opted out to be able to opt back in, though opting in or out regularly would create chaos.

Viscount Eccles (C), a former Minister of Education, said that under the Bill, every child's progress would be monitored and no child would be forgotten, and that alone was reason to support it.

Lord Home of the Hirsel (C), former Prime Minister, said that the national curriculum was overdue if children were to become useful and responsible citizens of an increasingly educated democracy.

If the curriculum and core subjects were well taught and enjoyed and children's knowledge regularly tested, the young would be provided with a better

Lady Hooper: Place of classics not threatened

springboard for a career than at present.

Over the century preceding the Second World War each generation had been taught by mother, schoolmaster and minister of religion about the Christian code of values. That had not produced a nation of saints. "But at least boys and girls, when they went into the world outside, had a yardstick by which they could measure their own actions and the behaviour of others."

Some time after the war it became fashionable to question nearly all moral values, disciplines and restraints associated with the Christian code of conduct.

"The permissive society was not the happiest or most creditable interlude in our national story. We are paying a heavy penalty of indiscipline and crime and violence which derived from that period.

"I hope that many have learnt the lesson that in community life, in the profession of politics or business or any activity of life, for example on the football field or the cricket field, morals and manners matter."

Most mothers worked and it was unreasonable, at the end of a long working day, to expect them to be able to spend the evening instructing their children in religious values.

The manpower of the Church was overstretched, so inevitably a greater responsibility in preparing the young for the moral choices in life was placed on the schools.

Lord Carlisle of Bucklow (C), a former Secretary of State for Education, in a maiden speech, said that he had difficulty in seeing how opting out of the malevolence and benevolence of local education authorities and opting in to the malevolence and benevolence of the Department of Education and Science, by its very nature, would necessarily improve the standard of education.

When he had decided in 1980 to maintain the single unitary authority for education in inner London, two matters had weighed with him most of all: his belief that some of the weaker authorities did not have adequate capacity to take over responsibility for education and the effect the abolition might have on further, adult and continuing education in London.

"Clearly that decision now to wind up Ilea has been taken and I believe thought will have to be given as to how the schools in those boroughs are to be run."

Lord St John of Fawsley (C) said that he enthusiastically and wholeheartedly supported the principles of the Bill.

Opting out might be inconvenient for a local authority and for the Roman Catholic diocesan bishops. But he was tempted to say: "So what?" Schools existed for children and not children for schools.

He made a plea for a greater concentration on the classics. "To be cut off from Greek is bad enough, but if we are to cut out Latin as well through which we have access to Greek civilization then we will be cut off from our cultural roots."

Education was not a part of economics. The phrase "producers of education" made him shiver and "consumers of education" made him shudder. The use of these phrases was a new form of barbarism.

Lady Hooper, Under Secretary of State for Education, said that the national curriculum did not threaten the place of Latin or Greek because there would be sufficient flexibility to allow schools to continue to offer the classics to some or all pupils.

The Bill was read a second time.

Student nurse plan defeated

The following report of the Commons debate on the report stage of the Local Government Finance Bill appeared in later editions yesterday.

POLL TAX

A further Conservative backbench move to lessen the impact of the community charge on the less well off was made when the report stage was resumed.

After debate, however, the proposal was dropped without a division, the main sponsor saying that he would rely on the House of Lords for help.

A move by the Democrats to exempt student nurses from the charge and thus bring them into line with other students, was rejected by a majority of 89.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South Staffordshire, C) moved two new clauses to exempt from the community charge those over 80 and those on income support.

He said that he had never voted in favour of the community charge, nor would he, but the task now for those who opposed it was to remove its sting, try to make it fairer and to remove those aspects that caused most concern.

Mr Michael Howard, Minister for Local Government: Widespread exemptions are counterproductive because they reduce the number of people who pay and further erode local accountability. It is imperative that the number of exemptions is kept to a minimum.

He said that the right way to give help was through rebates. Even those with maximum rebate would make a small contribution to services and the result was that local accountability would be preserved.

He promised to consider a Labour request to extend exemptions to cover prisoners on remand.

The Government did not believe it right to exempt the physically handicapped. It would be demeaning to suggest that, because someone was physically handicapped, he or she could not play a full part in widening the accountability which the community charge would bring.

Mr Simon Hughes, SLD spokesman on local government, said that if there was a fair system there would be no need continually to be seeking to add further categories of exemption.

Not only student nurses should be exempt, but also everyone in training. It was absured to expect the homeless to pay. Inspectors would be asking those sleeping in doorways and in the subways to pay the charge.

Mr Ralph Howell (North Norfolk, C) said that the Government should introduce a supplement to VAT of about 6 per cent. It would be painless and would mean the end of the existing silly rating system and of the silly system being proposed.

Mr Cormack said that he was content to look to the Lords for help and to allow his amendments to be negatived.

The amendments were negatived.

Dr John Cunningham, chief Opposition spokesman on the environment, moved the first of a group of amendments dealing with data protection, to allow a registration officer to seek only such information as he might reasonably require in connection with his functions.

He said that many people objected to personal information relating to them being collected and held.

Mr Howard said that the Government's intention was exactly the same as that of the Opposition: that registration officials should not be permitted to ask for information other than that which they needed.

The amendment was rejected by 331 votes to 220 – Government majority, 111.

Mr Matthew Taylor (Truro, SLD) moved an amendment adding nurses in full-time nursing education to the list of students receiving relief from the community charge.

He said that some student nurses would have to pay as much as 15 per cent of their income.

Mr Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge, C) said that it was impossible to argue that there was a difference between university students and student nurses.

"How can the minister expect me, a supporter of the Bill, to go to my constituents and say that my university students will have maximum rebate but my student nurses will not? I am not going to do it."

Mr David Wilshire (Spelthorne, C) said that he would prefer there to be no exemptions and no rebates.

Sir George Young (Ealing, Acton, C) said that he supported the amendment because it would put right at least one injustice.

Mr Michael Howard said that the average earnings of a student nurse were £5,000 to £6,000 a year: two-and-a-half to three times the student grant. If special treatment were accorded to them, it would be difficult to refuse it to police cadets, trainee accountants and even pupil barristers.

Student nurses would be eligible for consideration for rebates in the same way as anyone else.

The amendment was rejected by 232 votes to 321 – Government majority, 89.

Miss Jo Richardson, chief Opposition spokesman on women's affairs, moved an Opposition amendment to remove the clause making husbands and wives jointly responsible for each other's poll tax.

Mrs Maria Fyfe (Glasgow, Maryhill, Lab) said that heterosexual couples would be responsible for each other's poll tax, but homosexual couples would not. The Government could be seen as promoting homosexuality.

Mr Christopher Chope, Under Secretary of State for the Environment, said that the rate bill remained the same if a husband left the household, but under the Bill the community charge would be reduced.

The amendment was rejected by 325 votes to 220 – Government majority, 105.

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Tournament of the Mind

THE TIMES TOURNAMENT OF THE MIND

● Famous Five take up the challenge of one

Linton Village College, near Cambridge, the last of our featured schools among *The Times* Tournament of the Mind finalists, has the distinction of having reached this stage of the competition with a team of half the standard number of 10.

The other difference from its fellow competing schools is that the idea of entering came not from a teacher, but from Stephen Hedge, a fifth-form pupil. He took a copy of *The Times* to school one morning, and having declared his intention to enter the tournament on his own, soon found others taking an interest in the questions. "We convinced him that not only would we have a better chance if several of us joined forces," says his teacher, Charles Gilderdale, "but also that it would be very much for the good of the school."

Hedge, who like his four partners numbers mathematics and English among his best subjects, did have the consolation of being elected team leader."We only had one fear," Gilderdale says, "and that was that the questions in the final would be getting as hard as they did in last week's individual section."

SCHOOLS' FINAL – ROUND FOUR

1 LOGIC

The following diagram is a strange dartboard. Using five darts at a time you must discover how many different ways there are of scoring a total of 500. Each dart must score and once you have used a combination of numbers it may not be used again in a different order.

100	120	
250	80	200
0	400	40
	50	60

2 VERBAL

The groups of letters which follow are jumbled words. Unscramble them and discover the most obvious odd one out.*

CUBEKEY CHUBRUS
CLABIEM RAMSOAG

* Reference sources other than Collins English Dictionary have been used.

3 MATHS

You have just received a tax rebate but the cashier has made a mistake. He has written the figure which should be for pounds in the pence section and the figure for pence in the pounds section. It gives you quite a bit more cash so you go and spend £3.78. You check your change and to your surprise discover that you now have exactly five times what you were entitled to receive in the first place. How much ought you to have received from the Inland Revenue?

4 MISCELLANEOUS

If IVY equals 5, VEX equals 50 and VICE equals 500, what does MIMIC equal?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

1. To which family of plants does the corpse plant belong?
2. Which principal Hindu god of the Vedic period has a strange similarity with the Greek god, Zeus?
3. Which German poet's works were inspired by his thwarted love for Elsabe Niehusen?
4. Which creatures of folklore were supposedly used as servants and brought to life by rabbis?
5. Which English country house was rebuilt for Sir John Thynne?

A frightening power to enthral

THE TIMES PROFILE

ROALD DAHL

Who is this man who tells our children that any inoffensive schoolmistress or dear old lady might be a witch in disguise, bent on destroying a child a week; or that the spectacle of aunts crushed flat under a giant peach is one to inspire joy? A man who depicts poachers as nicer than gamekeepers, is constitutionally on the side of the fox against the chicken farmer, and gleefully fits Goldilocks out in dirty shoes:

". . . upon the heel of one
Was something that a dog had done".

Matilda, the heroine of his latest book, published today, chooses to part from her mother and father for ever without a qualm (admittedly, they are frightful parents), and inflicts terminal humiliation on her school head. Roald Dahl's books assert that revenge is sweet and existence an alternation of scarcely governable terror, hatred and bliss. We might lock his unruly manifestos away from our impressionable youngsters, but instead we troop out and buy them in cartloads.

He is easily the best-selling living children's writer in Britain. The US paperback rights for his earlier books were recently renewed with an advance of $1.3 million, and the recent first printing of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* in China had an initial print run of two million.

He proudly spread out for me yesterday a superb album of drawings sent to him by a school class in Barcelona, inspired by Dahl in Catalan. The letters that arrive from all over the world are a source of great satisfaction to him, and he and his full-time secretary go to a great deal of trouble to reply in the appropriate spirit.

He has a great fellow-feeling for teachers, and teases them robustly in his replies, as in his books. "This book shows how good the teacher must have been. The best teachers are in Australia, I find. They're pretty damn good in the USA. I'm afraid I can't put Britain at the top of the list." His new book is, among other things, an uncharacteristically clear parable of his views about education.

His spell transcends language and nationality. He has a greater influence on the attitudes of tomorrow's citizens than Kenneth Baker could ever dream of. He is a Pied Piper, the sound of his pipe is subversive and irresistible, and we Hamelin parents would do well to consider the uses to which he puts his immense power. It is frightening to consider how addictive children are in their reading. Certain writers seem to strike a chord, and can go on repeating it almost indefinitely. Critics are apt to mistrust this. Even commentators who have a high regard for Dahl's qualities as a storyteller feel impelled to stress that their admiration is this side idolatry: "The craze for Dahl has overtaken the craze for Blyton," says Brian Alderson, *The Times* children's books reviewer and one of the panel who selected our own recent list of books every child should read. "He writes too fast, in my view. Two generations hence, I very much doubt if he will be much read."

Since Charlie is still going strong after 30 years, this is a judgment which remains to be proved.

Dahl, a charming man who revels in celebrity and considers it no more than his due, snorts scornfully at the reservations of the "London Mafia": "Poor old A.A. Milne is getting dated – it's the bloody nanny – though *I* still see how good they are. But my books are mostly fantasy, which doesn't date."

Last month, after our list of classic children's books, we printed a list of the books schoolchildren actually buy. Most panel members selected one Dahl volume or another, but they named different ones out of his protean output, and only one title reached the final list. In the children's own list, he bestrides the sections for all ages like a colossus.

A writer who appeals both to critics and to children on this scale plainly has more to him than a self-repeating Blyton. The variety of his output is prodigious, even if one leaves aside his polished and waspish short stories for adults, which reached a large audience through the television series *Tales of the Unexpected*.

He has no high opinion of critics, or of modern writing for both children and adults. "When I saw *The Times's* first list, I thought, 'ho, ho, I know better than that!' An awful lot of rubbish is published today – most of it lacking what all the real children's classics have, which is humour. Look at *The Wind in the Willows* . . . Beatrix Potter, in her quiet way . . . and *The Secret Garden*, the only real classic which succeeds without humour, although I don't know how."

The quality which sometimes comes across as slickness in the adult stories (he trained in the rarefied school of *The New Yorker*, and counts Hemingway as his master) imposes a rigorous organization on his children's books. Each goes through many drafts.

"He has a very strong *practical* imagination," says Quentin Blake, who has collaborated with him as illustrator for 10 years, and has illustrated *Matilda*. "Sometimes I've done a nice decorative picture, and he's wanted me to show more clearly what's happening, and how it works. He is very concerned that his books are attractive to read – he takes a close interest in the size of the type, and so on. He once said that if he weren't a writer, he'd be a doctor, which is connected with the practicality, I think."

When his son was very ill, Dahl helped design a valve for relieving fluid pressure in the skull: doctors still call it the Wade-Dahl-Till valve. This mechanical ingenuity is a knack which recalls that he was a wartime fighter pilot. Later in the war he was a junior air attaché in Washington, and served in secret operations.

Brilliantly inventive as they are, his works for adults and children share a disturbing streak which it is difficult not to identify as cruel. That is one of the reasons for his popularity: there is never any pulling of punches in the confounding and dismembering of villains.

Blake rejects the suggestion of cruelty: "They are fairy stories, at bottom. People who criticize him don't see that even the real people are simply ogres and witches". Dahl does not see himself as cruel, either. "I make my points by exaggerating wildly. That's the only way to get through to children: they're not subtle. If a couple of parents ever existed as bad as those in *Matilda*, she would be right to run away. But quite a lot of parents are, say, 10 per cent as bad. If they read the story to their children, they might get a little shock."

The underlying pattern of his books is not so much cruelty, as the triumph of the underdog. It is stamped on his mind that children are generically victims, and adults generically tyrants.

His cruelty springs from the rage of those who identify with life's victims. The beastliness that children can inflict on one another is a topic that he would find too difficult to treat in a children's book, he says. His own life has been one of those which seems singled out for disaster. His father and sister died within a few weeks when he was a boy; his mother kept absentmindedly sending him to British schools monstrously addicted to the cane, in spite of her Norwegian distaste for schooling by terror; one of his children died of the measles, and another was permanently brain-damaged in a road accident as a baby. His first wife, Patricia Neal, suffered a catastrophic stroke, and was restored to health by years of devoted nursing. His life has been punctuated by plane crashes, illnesses, surgery, and bereavements.

His face has the lugubrious, punch-drunk expression of a white-faced circus clown. He is a deeply-rooted man who has lived for 35 years in the same white house in Buckinghamshire, and can only write wrapped up in a cocoon of rituals in a Shavian shack in the garden, out of earshot of children, using a pencil with a rubber on the end.

"I do have power," he says. Writing is all propaganda, in a sense – *Matilda* is blatant propaganda for reading, for instance. Children are vulnerable because they don't know they are being propagandized. You could insinuate wrong ideas, of course, but you'd know, and you jolly well don't do it if you're a good egg.

"You can get at greediness and selfishness by making them look ridiculous . . . the greatest attribute of a human being is kindness, and all the other qualities like bravery and perseverance are secondary to that".

George Hill

BIOGRAPHY

1916: born, Cardiff, of Norwegian parents; educated at Repton
1934: Eastern Staff trainee, Shell, Dar es Salaam
1939-42: RAF pilot, Western Desert, Greece, etc
1942: Washington (Assistant Air Attaché); Wing Commander, 1943
1943: *The Gremlins*, first children's book (with Walt Disney)
1945: First book of short stories published in US
1953: Married Patricia Neal (marriage dissolved 1983)
1983: Married Felicity Crosland
1983: Whitbread Award (for *The Witches*)

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A weekly look at the art world

Philip Mould is unique in the art market. Like the Lord High Executioner in Gilbert and Sullivan's *Mikado*, he has "got a little list". But far from containing people who "never would be missed", it is a *Who's Who* of 1,500 historical figures whom his clients would dearly like to hang on their walls. Other dealers start with the artist, and seek out their work; Mould starts with the subject, then looks for a buyer. He has just opened his own gallery, Historical Portraits, in Old Bond Street.

Samuel Johnson is on his list many times over, in demand among the growing band of neo-Georgians; so is Major-General John Burgoyne, an 18th-century commander in India, and other military heroes. Oxford and Cambridge colleges are clamouring for dead dons; there is a request for Charles II by an illegitimate descendant.

Mould started as a dealer three years ago by buying up unknown squires, but soon realized that it was a mistake to go by strength of face alone. "It became like a missing persons list. I had dozens of letters from ladies saying things like '40 years ago my family used to have a portrait in the dining room, and now it's lost. Can you find it?' "

Now he concentrates on specific, famous faces. Research takes place in the archives of the National Portrait Gallery as well as military museums (for clues about uniforms), country church registers and provincial libraries. "It's rather like working from a police photofit."

For his opening gallery display Mould has a wide variety of faces, including a newly discovered picture of Sir Richard Arkwright, inventor of the Spinning Jenny, by Joseph Wright of Derby. Another is of the author Jonathan Swift. An anonymous, scribbled drawing of a man standing beside a restaurant, and inscribed "A mon ami, Hem", is probably of Ernest Hemingway, although so far Mould and Sotheby's have been unable to find absolute proof.

One remaining headache for Mould, in an otherwise perfect monopoly, is the constant surfacing of clichéd images. "I see one portrait a month described as Lord Byron; any swish 17th-century cavalier is Prince Rupert of the Rhine. Then there are all those fat-necked Hanoverians that no one would want."

Living in the past, and at a profit

To judge from its title and masthead design, the new weekly magazine *Times Past* could well have been published by this newspaper. In fact, buoyed up by £1 million-worth of advertising and with a big print-run of 500,000, it is published by Marshall Cavendish, and is the latest manifestation of the antiques boom.

The magazine takes its readers through a succession of period rooms, from Georgian to art deco, explaining the historic function and present-day value of their contents; and as long as you can accept a certain tweeness in presentation it is full of interesting details and tips on what to look out for.

Tony Curtis, editor of the annual *Lyle Antiques Review* and consultant to the new magazine, points out that antiques have a double advantage, being investments you can use and enjoy. "You spend £1,000 on a new three-piece suite, and as soon as you walk out of the shop it is worth £250. If you spend the same amount on a Victorian suite, you can get at least £800 from a dealer immediately afterwards. If you keep it for five years you will get two grand."

The only problem is that as the nation awakes to its times past it is turning its back on its times present and future. Who is making, and collecting, the antiques of the future?

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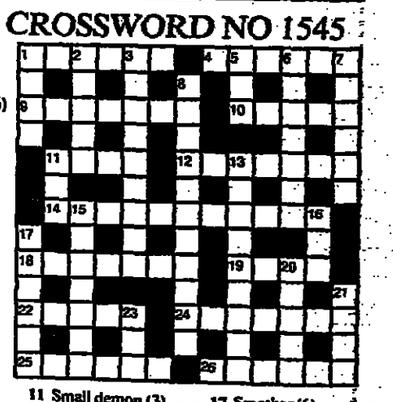

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HEALTH

Putting sex abuse to the test

The storm rages on over the use of the reflex anal dilatation test in suspected child abuse. Below David Nicholson-Lord reports on strong new criticism, and Ian Smith talks to RAD's first exponents

The best medical opinion is united in its view that reflex anal dilatation (RAD), the controversial test used by doctors in Cleveland and Leeds, is worthless in diagnosing child sexual abuse, according to new evidence.

A survey of 42 leading coloproctologists, or experts in bowel disease, including the foremost authorities in the country, has failed to find one who believed RAD was diagnostic of anal abuse. More than four-fifths of those questioned believed it was present in normal children during various stages of their life — when they were constipated, for instance.

Bill Heald, head of the colorectal research unit at Basingstoke District Hospital and president of the Royal Society of Medicine's surgery section, who organized the survey, believes that experts should reassess each alleged case of child abuse, on the grounds that the medical evidence was "truly valueless".

"It is simply not possible for a doctor looking at the perineum of a child to know whether buggery has taken place except in those rare instances where frank injury is apparent," he says. "Almost certainly it is true to say that medical evidence, as the starting point of an investigation, is quite without value."

'Medical evidence as a starting point is without value'

The survey found only four doctors who thought that RAD could occur in a child who had been abused. However, these respondents believed that this was insufficient evidence of abuse on its own, and said they had also seen RAD in unabused children.

The significance of the survey, the first of its type, is that it was conducted among specialists who carry out regular anal and rectal examinations of their patients and see many types of abuse. Although there are between 300 and 500 coloproctologists in the country, Heald rejects criticism that it is unrepresentative.

"It is incomplete because I do not have the resources to do a MORI poll," he says. "But it simply underpins with some numbers what I have confirmed by discussing the subject with a very large number of the most distinguished brains in the field."

One of the world's leading authorities on bowel disease, who is unwilling to be named, has told Heald he is "filled with alarm at the manic way in which these two Cleveland paediatricians [Marietta Higgs and Geoffrey Wyatt] have been diagnosing anal sexual abuse on the basis just of a quick look at the anal region".

Heald says neurologists also dispute the biological logic of RAD. Its proponents claim that the bowel muscle dilates — in other words, relaxes — in anticipation of a painful experience. But even though this might be the best way of dealing with pain, most muscles actually contract and go into tight spasm at the prospect. This aspect of RAD is "without parallel in human neurophysiology".

Another factor which may have deceived the Cleveland and Leeds doctors is that at any given moment normal children often have a stool in their rectum, and the reflex dilation which allows this to be passed out is easy to trigger. Yet the proponents of RAD do not perform rectal examinations to check whether a stool is present.

Heald's involvement in the controversy began when he was prevailed upon by a solicitor representing one of the Cleveland families to appear on their behalf in court. He has also given evidence at the Butler-Sloss inquiry. He believes that events in Cleveland and Leeds bear all the marks of a modern version of witchcraft — the invention of a novel set of telltale signs, hitherto unknown to experienced practitioners, which only the initiated can decode. "Parents fed these kinds of allegations are tortured by a mixture of guilt, mistrust of each other and a whole range of hideous doubts," he says. He believes they should be able to seek a second independent opinion, as should magistrates before making a place of safety order. Any doctor who strays from a relationship of help and friendship to patients and their families "does so at his peril", he adds.

Coloproctologists, he says, have wide experience of anal perversions. Yet even the most experienced have seen few cases of anal abuse of very young children, as alleged in Cleveland. In recent months, he says, claims on the frequency of anal abuse have verged on the ludicrous. Although few are prepared to comment publicly, there is "widespread personal incredulity" among coloproctologists at the evidence detailed in the Press.

JACK HICKES

In the eye of the storm: Drs Christopher Hobbs and Jane Wynne, who 'wish people would listen'

Consultant paediatrician Jane Wynne says it was "a sixth sense" that made her decide to examine the rectum of, and test for reflex anal dilatation, the three-year-old girl who lay mutely on her side, abdomen marked by suspicious burn marks possibly caused by a cigarette. What she discovered in a Leeds General Infirmary annexe room sparked a major medical controversy which rages with increasing vehemence three years later.

The child had been brutally sexually abused, her anus torn and so grossly dilated the injury could only have been the result of penetration. It meant, in Dr Wynne's opinion, that RAD could no longer be dismissed as an inconsequential physical abnormality. Investigation by police and social workers of the tiny patient's home environment revealed similar abuse of her five-year-old brother and led to an eventual confession by their father that he was the perpetrator.

Together with a fellow consultant paediatrician, Dr Christopher Hobbs of St James's Hospital, Leeds, with whom she conferred regularly, Wynne decided to carry out RAD examination of every child brought into their hospital wards suspected of maltreatment. Within months they had found several dozen children similarly affected as a result, they believed, of sexual abuse.

"The condition of reflex anal dilatation had been recognized for more than a century, but never before had any physicians recognized that the cause might be perversion, not constipation, or if they did it was something to which they preferred to turn a blind eye," Wynne says.

Now, almost three years after *The Lancet* published their findings on child sexual abuse (based on their examinations of children, most referred by Leeds social services department) in October 1985, and 12 months later carried the results of a second research paper, they have been blamed for a massive upsurge in the number of families separated and children taken into care.

"Things just suddenly exploded, and ever since we have been under fire from people who just do not understand that we have never, ever, pioneered reflex anal dilatation as a sole means of detecting sexual abuse. I do wish people would listen," Hobbs says. In 1982 there were just seven cases of abuse diagnosed in Leeds; the number rose more than tenfold in 1985, the year that Wynne and Hobbs began to use RAD as a contributory factor in detecting abuse. This year, according to Leeds social services department, the figure is expected to reach about 290.

'RAD forms no more than a small part of diagnosis'

A similar disturbing increase was recorded in neighbouring Cleveland where Dr Marietta Higgs and Dr Geoffrey Wyatt used RAD to diagnose 121 cases of abuse in six months during 1986. Dr Higgs had shortly before attended a lecture in Leeds at which Dr Wynne explained her use of reflex anal dilatation to help uncover child sex abuse. On returning to Cleveland she taught the method to Dr Wyatt and at one stage the two had one hospital ward filled with suspected sex abuse victims and outraged parents. The resulting furore prompted a judicial inquiry headed by Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, whose recommendations will be announced next month. The DHSS standing medical advisory committee has also become involved and is due to report to the Secretary of State within weeks on the use of RAD as an abuse indicator.

Called to give evidence to the Cleveland inquiry last year Dr Wynne emphasized that RAD was only one of the signs suggestive of abuse. But if RAD is detected in children referred because of social workers' suspicions about unexplained injury, undernourishment, behavioural problems or slow learning, Wynne and Hobbs always refer the case to a specialist social worker for further investigation.

Of children under their care who have been found to have been abused only 19 per cent showed signs of reflex anal dilatation. "RAD is an important finding and should not be dismissed," Hobbs says. "However it would be wholly inaccurate for anyone to believe RAD forms more than a small part of the overall process of diagnosis."

"Since the Cleveland controversy became national newspaper headlines we have noticed a marked reluctance by family doctors, paediatricians, psychiatrists and psychologists to diagnose abuse," Wynne adds. "We firmly believe it is not because of our colleagues' unawareness that abuse occurs but their lack of courage or conviction to be placed in a confrontational court situation and have their professional competence questioned."

Reluctant themselves to become engaged in open confrontation with colleagues, they shrug off as paranoia suspicions that they have fallen victim to a medical conspiracy, "though we accept the very real possibility of attempts by eminent paediatricians and coloproctologists to undermine our work to cover their own unawareness of the widespread problem of child abuse", Hobbs says.

Two weeks ago both were on the verge of quitting their child abuse work and concentrating on less vulnerable paediatric areas. After discussion with their families — each has two children — they agreed to carry on and to support each other. They say they have received hundreds of letters supporting their work, like one last week from a girl sex abuse victim, aged six, who wrote to Dr Wynne: "I saw you on television. I like you and I trust you. Please carry on helping us. We've got no one else."

Self-help is in the blood

Transplants of a patient's own bone-marrow may hold a cure to leukaemia

While Ian Botham's march across the Alps has focused attention on the plight of children with leukaemia, the disease is 10 times more likely to strike adults. While there is often a better chance of a cure for children (Alder Hay Children's Hospital in Liverpool reports a 60 per cent recovery rate), the outlook for most adults without a bone marrow donor has not changed for years from a bleak 20 per cent.

Now a national trial, which began this month, is comparing conventional chemotherapy-only treatments with a self-transplant scheme (where the donor is the patient) which may push those long-term survival figures up to two or three times what they were. If the scheme succeeds nationally it will mean hope for adults who contract acute myeloid leukaemia, the most common of adult blood cancers. It will also be a success story for University College Hospital, London.

In what is to become the most comprehensive leukaemia study of its kind in the world, several hundred patients aged between 15 and 55 will take part in a three-year comparative trial of treatment.

In medical terms, the "autograft" is new. It is less than eight years since Dr Tony Goldstone, director of the Bloomsbury Bone Marrow Transplant Unit at UCH, and Dr David Linch, a consultant haematologist, introduced autografts. They are now a regular option for many of this hospital's leukaemia patients aged between 15 and 55 who are in complete remission after chemotherapy. From the unit's first seven years' work, 58 per cent of their adult acute myeloid leukaemia patients who have been autografted are alive and well.

Marrow stem cells are "harvested" from the lumbar region of the back and immediately freeze-stored in liquid nitrogen (where they could safely stay for several years if necessary). The patient is given what would otherwise be a lethal dose of five times the usual chemotherapy to kill off the "bad" or residual leukaemic cells. Then the thawed marrow is reinfused intravenously. The stem cells will find their way back into the patient's marrow and will begin to divide, producing new, young red cells, white cells and platelets. Haemopoiesis — the body's blood factory system — will begin again, this time on a healthy manufacturing course.

Yet the mystery remains. How does it manage to work so well when some original leukaemic cells are surely put back into the patient?

Goldstone thinks that there may not be all that many "bad" cells returned in the 2 to 5 per cent of harvested marrow stem cells, and that the new marrow may actually fight any remaining leukaemia and suppress further outbreaks.

He admits this is a controversial area. The procedure is dangerous, it can fail and it has its critics; they have said that subjecting patients to such drastic treatment without the promise of an improvement is morally wrong.

Deciding whether or not to autograft a patient in remission is agonizing, Goldstone agrees. "Do you leave them to take their chances or do you put them through the calculated dangers of autografting? If they die, have they died from the treatment? Would they have got better if they had been left alone?"

These questions will be a lot easier to answer in three to five years' time when the random trials between those who have been selected to "take their chances" and those who have undergone autografts produce their results.

One clear advantage that autografting has over traditional donor grafts is that the body hardly ever rejects its own cells. The two major dangers of grafts from another donor are graft-rejection and graft-versus-host disease, where the imported cells fight the patient as well as the leukaemia.

Trial time: Dr Tony Goldstone

One trial-watcher whose interest rivals that of Goldstone is Gregory Tanner, a 32-year-old mature medical student at UCH. Tanner was one of the unit's first patients when, in 1981, he had a double autograft — a second harvesting of cells, a second massive dose of chemotherapy and a second self-transplant of marrow. Once qualified, Tanner hopes to specialize — in haematology.

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Early days for brain cell implants

MEDICAL BRIEFING

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Professor Hitchcock, the Birmingham neuro-surgeon, was hoping to take a long-planned holiday after attending an esoteric scientific meeting in Oxford, and had no idea of the furore his lecture on stereotactic surgical techniques in brain surgery would cause, for it is not a subject which usually makes headlines.

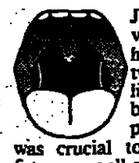
But the revelation that he had carried out cell implant operations in an attempt to relieve symptoms in three of his patients suffering from severe Parkinson's disease, and that in two of these cases the cells were from an aborted foetus, meant that he spent most of his holiday patiently explaining to the world's Press the manifestations of Parkinson's disease — tremor, rigidity, loss of spontaneous movements, and sometimes mental deterioration. He explained the basic cause, a deficiency of dopamine in the cells of the substantia nigra in the sufferer's brain.

The term "brain transplant" is misleading, summing up as it does the vision that the thought-processing mechanism of one person can be translated to another body. In fact the cells are not so much transplanted to another brain as seeded in it. No direct neurological connection between the nerve cells of the host and those of the donor occurs; the foetal cells become implanted just as if they were growing in a tissue culture, and if they flourish it is hoped that they will produce the dopamine whose lack is causing the symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

Contrary to reports the foetuses were not delivered by hysterotomy, Caesarean section at an early stage of pregnancy, and the pregnant women were not subjected to any additional discomfort or hazard through the use of the cells from their foetus in the treatment of another patient. The foetuses were not alive when the cells were collected, for the foetus brain tissue can be kept for 24 hours in properly refrigerated surroundings.

Some doctors have expressed concern at the implication that the techniques used in these two operations might provide a ready and easy answer to Alzheimer's disease. There is a tenuous link between the two complaints: in both there is a shortage of a chemical essential to the proper functioning of the brain, but as one neurologist said, to extrapolate from the surgical treatment of one to the other is not so much a step as a gigantic leap. Foetal cell implants as a means of treating Parkinson's disease are still at a very early stage. If the Birmingham work does continue, long-term experiments in animals, as well as surgical trials in patients, will be needed to show that the cells are neither rejected, nor flourish too abundantly. The thought that the cells from the foetus might spread as uncontrollably as bracken on the moors is not a comforting one.

Hushed tones in the House



John Moore's voice has failed him in at least two major parliamentary debates when his performance was crucial to his political future as well as the propagation of his policy. Was it pure chance, or a consequence of the tension inevitable when a man has to defend himself and his department against the probable howls of rage from the benches opposite, and the possible low murmur of discontent from his colleagues behind?

Neil Kinnock, too, has had trouble with his voice, but his problem is different. When tense, he overstrains it by forcing it so that its tone is soon reduced to a rasping hoarseness. Moore's, on the other hand, from time to time just disappears.

Hoarseness, or an easily tired voice, is always a symptom which demands an explanation; if it persists for more than two or three weeks despite treatment with an appropriate antibiotic, the larynx should be inspected by an ear nose and throat specialist to exclude serious disease.

It has been suggested that Moore suffers from Preacher's, Singer's, Teacher's or Sergeant Major's throat, but these are chronic rather than intermittent conditions caused by constantly shouting, screaming or unnaturally lowering the tone of the voice. The misuse of the voice in this way results in hyaline nodules forming on the vocal cords, which can be removed surgically. In young patients they sometimes disappear spontaneously but in any event the patient needs voice production lessons.

A wide variety of other tumours, benign and malignant, can grow on the vocal cords. Nearly all are amenable to early treatment. These growths are more common in patients who use their voices a lot in the course of their work, particularly if they also smoke or drink more than average.

Apart from nervous aphonia, which is usually of variable intensity, the most likely diagnosis in somebody with a recurrent hoarse voice is repeated attacks of laryngitis. Laryngitis is usually caused by a bacterial or viral infection and often follows pneumonia or bronchitis, but allergy or the inhalation of irritating substances can occasionally be responsible. It is possible that the regular swim in a chlorinated pool taken by the Secretary of State for Social Services might have irritated his throat; occasionally even a change in temperature or humidity in a swimming pool produces a reaction in a sensitive person. Recently, for example, a well-known banker had to stop swimming as every time he had his morning dip he developed rhinitis and his nose ran for the rest of the day.

Vasectomy cancer link

In the early 1970s a House of Commons committee studied the future role of vasectomy in the nation's birth control programme. After taking many hours of evidence it recommended that although this minor operation should be available on the NHS, theoretical medical disadvantages and proven social problems made it an undesirable first choice. Its words of caution were lost in the blaze of publicity after Michael Parkinson announced to the world that he had been "cut".

In the 15 years since the committee reported, clinical practice has borne out its advice that extreme care was needed when selecting cases so as to avoid regrets and demands for reversal later; but the scientists' fears that vasectomy might produce cardiovascular problems have not, as yet, materialized. Their other anxiety, that vasectomized men would develop an immune response to their own sperm, has been justified and probably accounts for the low level of fertility even after successful reversal operations.

Possibly the first medical evidence to support the committee's conclusions was recently revealed in the British Journal of Cancer.

A report lists three risk factors in the development of cancer of the prostate: men who had a vasectomy 30 years or more before; those who had sexual intercourse under the age of 17; and those who smoked.

The survey was only a small one, of 216 case-controlled pairs. There may well be other factors involved; it is possible that the desire for a vasectomy is symptomatic, for example, of increased libido which might be hormone-dependent, for there is some evidence, rather inconclusive, that men who have been vasectomized do have higher levels of testosterone, but whether this is cause or effect has not been elucidated.

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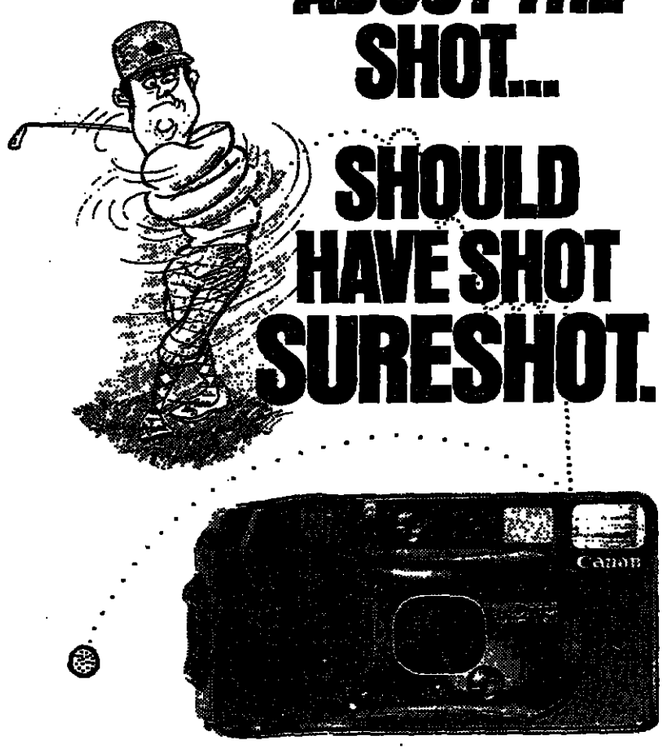

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TIMES DIARY

RICHARD COBB

In his letter he suggested that we meet at 12.30 at Boodle's (or is it Boodles'? I have never been too sure whether these names designate a genitive singular or a genitive plural; like everything else about them, it was somehow assumed that one would know, as if it had been a matter of handed-on truth). I could manage the day he had suggested, but just where was Boodle's? He said that it was on St James's Street, on the left, as you look downhill from Piccadilly. You couldn't mistake it; it had a big white bow-window looking on to the street.

I found the window without any difficulty, climbed the steps, and went straight in between the constantly swinging double-doors. There I asked an important-looking person in a blue uniform with a silver braid border behind the elaborate glass-fronted information desk if my friend was expecting me, giving his name and mine. He left his glass box for a moment to take a look in the bar, which I could see just beyond the reception area, coming back almost at once to say that my host did not seem to be there and that I had better wait till he turned up.

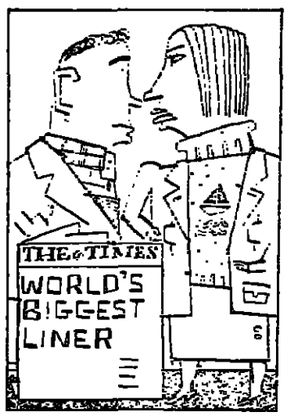
He seemed sure that he would and his assurance communicated itself to me. I sat down in one of the reception room's big leather chairs that proved surprisingly uncomfortable. After five minutes of discomfort I got up and started walking up and down, feigning an interest in the various portraits and prints.There was one of my favourite Englishman, Sir Robert Walpole, looking prosperous and very healthy, but I soon got tired of even Sir Robert's muted company. What made the waiting worse was the profusion of clocks, all of them large, handsome and enthusiastic.

The swing doors from the street were banging open at ever shorter intervals as elegantly suited gentlemen were greeted by their hosts and within minutes had been provided with large drinks. Others who seemed to belong to the place, calling the uniformed doorman "Maurice", just marched straight through to the bar.

After 40 minutes a thought occurred: I looked at various club notices in search of a clue, but not one of them ("Members are reminded that . . .") had on it a letter-heading. In the end there was nothing for it but to go to the uniformed porter and ask: "This is Boodle's, is it not?" "No Sir," he said. "This is White's. Boodle's is just down the street on this side. You can't miss it – it has a large white front bow-window".

The aggressive anonymity of London clubs has caught me out on several previous occasions. I have mistaken the Reform for the Travellers', or the other way round. The Savile I failed to find altogether.I suppose the same criticism could be made of Oxford colleges. The tip there is to look for college notices, generally under glass. Balliol is the only one to proclaim its identity on the street side, in a wooden notice, with white letters on a black background: possibly another form of arrogance but one at least helpful.

BARRY FANTONI



'I don't know why Ravi doesn't just fit Majorca with a pair of propellors'

Perhaps something must have been missed out at the time of my birth. From the age of five to that of almost 71 I have always had the deepest loathing for cricket. From my prep school days I lived in dread of being hit by those cruelly hard balls (made by some fiend in Tonbridge) and welcomed with a wonderful sense of relief wet afternoons that would release me from the terrors of the sports field. Even now the wretched game pursues me, indoors into my home, almost every day. Even November, December, January, February and March, which one would think might be safe months, are not. It seems to go on, somewhere or other, all year round. What a start to the day! At the brief, clipped authoritarian two-syllable word of menace: Cricket, I rush across the room to turn the damned thing off.

Yet some people seem almost to live for the game. I know a very good historian, who actually writes books about cricket (he also reviews other people's). Not so long ago he flew to Australia to talk to people about bodyline bowling. Yet in every other way he seems perfectly normal.

It is a disease that can attack the most unexpected people. In the tea room of the Institute of Historical Research I used to listen to small groups of young men and women, all of them dressed in sober suits, as, leaning forward, they fed questions to Sir Lewis Namier: "Sir Lewis, what did you think of so-and-so's bowling in yesterday's MCC match?" The historian, like a pike caught while swallowing smaller fish, always responded, in his strange English, at majestic and confident length. Perhaps he identified cricket with the Shropshire gentry about whom he had written so learnedly.

One of the positive pleasures of living abroad is to get right away from all sight and sound of the white-clad figures, the measured applause. Pretty well all of Europe is immune, though Africa has persistent patches of infection, especially at its southernmost tip (I am not sure if even Egypt at the top has a clean bill of health).

The Americas are perfectly safe though I would not be too sure about Argentina. The Marxist regimes are clear; there are no doubt Marxist cricketers, but I imagine only English ones. Certainly, to take a global view, there is some good news: the map is steadily contracting. They no longer play in Corfu, I believe Fiji is on the way out, I don't think the Afghans are keen any more, Tibet simply does not have enough flat land. Which does not leave an awful lot.

Max Beloff warns the Lords against exceeding their constitutional role

Poll tax: no trespassing

The Times, in its leader yesterday, is not alone in believing that the House of Lords would be constitutionally entitled to make such changes in the Community Charge Bill as would force its abandonment or a second look by the House of Commons.

But the view is a false one. It may well be that this is not a money Bill in the strict sense and that amendments, for instance to make the charge a "banded" one, would not fall foul of Commons privileges. But this is to take a narrow and technical view of a broad constitutional and political issue.

The funding of the House of Commons itself was the outcome of the financial exigencies of medieval kings. The nobility and church made their own arrangements for assisting their sovereign, and the House of Lords' separate existence reflects that fact. But for those among the lesser landowners or the merchants not rich enough to make individual arrangements, the House of Commons in which their representatives sat approved of general schemes of taxation which applied to them.

Such a position, ultimately unique in Europe, was not secured without attempts to get round it. This was particularly true of the Stuart kings inspired by the absolutist doctrines of the Continent. One reason for wanting British history in the schools national curriculum is that the ship money dispute in the time of Charles I or the pension received by his son from Louis XIV should not be forgotten. The Glorious Revolution of 1688 put a stop to all that.

As between the two Houses of Parliament in the 18th and 19th centuries the dividing line between general legislation and money matters was hard to draw and there were disputes at the margin. But when Lloyd George sought new methods of raising money to finance rearmament and the early stages of the welfare state – methods to which the House of Lords objected – the sole authority of the House of Commons was finally and resoundingly asserted.

Nor would it be easy to see how a non-representative chamber, however well qualified in other respects, could claim a right of intervention in what touches the citizens most. The more the opponents of the community charge refer, rightly or wrongly, to its likely major effects upon people's lives, the stronger the case for saying that this is a matter for the Commons. And it is certainly hard to imagine how the uniform business rate can be regarded as other than a national tax.

One must also take political realities into account. The opposition parties, after their three electoral defeats, cannot hope to secure their ends through the House of Commons. So we increasingly see attempts to use the House of Lords as their weapon against government measures. This is of course much disguised by the use of the convenient phrase "a revising chamber". That we need a revising chamber no one who has studied a Bill as it emerges from the House of Commons can deny. Whatever the merits of the lower house may be, legislative competence is not among them. But since the House of Commons expresses the political will of the nation, and since any changes made will have to be approved by it in the end, there are clear limits to what can be done under this head.

Recently, however, there has been evidence of a concerted attempt by the opposition parties to go beyond these limits. And this was made particularly clear in the second reading debate on the Education Reform Bill earlier this week. One always knows what is afoot when an opposition spokesman asserts that there will be peers "on all sides of the House" who will be ready to support whatever it is that he is proposing. Translated, this means: "I hope there are Tory peers innocent enough to swallow an opposition point as though it were their own."

I do not find this surprising. The Bill does represent in many respects a major departure in educational thinking. How can it be revised or improved by people who reject that departure and who – for instance Baroness David, Baroness Seer or Baroness Blackstone – are wholly wedded to the so-called progressive educational theories of the 1960s? How can Lord Graham of Edmonton help to improve what he called in the House "this rotten, miserable, arrogant bill"? If one ran a store one would hardly put a vegetarian in charge of the meat department or an animal rights activist selling furs.

Fortunately there is an infallible sign when this is happening. The claim of the House of Lords to be treated respectfully as a revising chamber arises from the individual experience and expert knowledge of its members. There is no subject, however obscure or technical, that some peer cannot illuminate for his colleagues. But the claim disappears when they put forward the idea that what they are doing is representing public opinion as reflected in their postbags.

Of course there are bodies of a perfectly respectable kind whose literature can add to one's knowledge. But much that comes in, whether directly from particular organizations or in the form of "private letters", clearly embodying such material does no more than illustrate the prejudices to which all opposition to change can appeal.

I suspect that there may be provisions in the ILEA clauses of the Bill which require amendment but one is certainly not inclined to look at them when confronted with the so-called opinion of London parents, collected in a highly questionable ballot, rejecting abolition altogether.

It is for members of the House of Commons who have to face the voter to decide what importance should be attached to public opinion. The House of Lords must rest its case for intervention on other arguments.

It is worth remembering that most of those who seek to exploit the House of Lords for party purposes were only recently committed to its abolition, and still talk of curtailing its surviving power if ever in a position to do so. It is important that the rest of the House should not get carried away by the new authority and popularity which, helped by television, it has recently acquired. It must not get too big for its boots and defy centuries of constitutional development.

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Bernard Levin

Hidden hand of conspiracy

Some time late last year or early this, Mr James Dalrymple, a writer for *The Independent* (I do not know of him in any other connection), met Chief Inspector Brian Woollard of the Metropolitan Police, and instantly suffered a conversion, more abrupt and complete than that experienced by St Paul on the road to Damascus, to the belief that this country is in the grip of a hideous conspiracy, its tentacles reaching into every corner of our national life, though perhaps most powerful and sinister in its fanatical control of the nation's police forces. And ever since the light dawned, Mr Dalrymple has been writing about it three times a day after meals.

This unimaginably terrible *camorra* has been the agent, for at least a century, of a vast range of crimes and wickednesses, from ritual murder (Jack the Ripper being one of the leading practitioners of this odd but exciting art) to the corruption of local government through their countless followers, hiding behind a variety of impenetrable "fronts" as "architects, builders and the owners of small-to-medium businesses".

Nor is it only the police, local government, architects etc who are in the deadly ring; it includes some of the highest in the land, one of them being that shifty and sinister figure Lord Whitelaw, who must be the toast of the mob because he once took steps, in the nick of time, to prevent their dreadful secret being given to the world.

Incidentally, although Mr Dalrymple doesn't mention it, the tentacles reach even higher than the evil Willie, for Prince Philip is one of the leading conspirators, and the Duke of Kent is another. (So far, no allegations of ritual murder have been made against either of these illustrious figures.) Before I continue, I must add that for most of his allegations no evidence *at all* is adduced; they are presented as unsubstantiated smears.

Some of my readers will by now have guessed what I am talking about. I shall shortly reveal it to those who haven't, but first I would like both categories to join me in an experiment. I must stress that, although I have taken pains to paint Mr Dalrymple's allegations in a light both lurid and comical, I have not invented anything; he does proffer the charges I list, including the one about Jack the Ripper.

To the experiment. Please go back and read everything from my first sentence to this paragraph, and, as you do so, hold in your mind the fact that all the allegations about the conspiracy, its power and its deeds *refer to the Jews*. I'll wait here.

Now: are you not shocked, and more than shocked? Have you not heard, in your reading of history, how these mad daubs – from Jewish ritual murder to the subversion of local government by Jewish corruption – have come up again and again, and have resulted in terrible injustice, and in its extreme form, mass murder? Would you have believed that such allegations could be made again today in Britain by anyone outside the ranks of those pathetic figures I was writing about not long ago, who believe that asterisks are the Jewish Star of David, printed in books and newspapers to demonstrate that all published matter is in the hands of the Jews?

Very well: Mr Dalrymple was writing not about the Jews, but about the Freemasons. Does that make you feel better? I think it shouldn't, and I shall now say why. First, throughout the centuries since Freemasonry came into existence, the Masons have been welded inseparably to the Jews as their co-agents in evil; I know of no anti-semitic movement that has not embraced anti-Masonry as well.

Second, such campaigns are identical to anti-semitic ones in another and more important sense; they cannot be refuted, because if any Jew/Mason can prove beyond doubt that he has never done anything wrong, the accuser can always – and *does* always – retreat to the logically impregnable position of saying, "Well, you're innocent, but the other Jews/Masons aren't."

Third, when such campaigns rely, as they must, on tittle-tattle, the very repetition of hoary charges gives them a credence, so that the tittle-tattle gradually becomes apparently substantial. (And that is to leave out those who anyway invariably greet tittle-tattle with that most ancient and foul response, "There's no smoke without fire".)

Fourth, and most important of all, they rely on the evil principle (the adjective is not too strong) of *Ex uno, disce omnes*. Some Freemasons, contrary to the rules of the craft, undoubtedly use Masonic connections to their advantage. Similarly, it is certain that there are Jews who perpetrate fraud and corrupt practices. If it comes to that, there are Roman Catholics who regularly beat their wives. It is on such foundations that blanket condemnation and belittling of whole groups rest, and the condemnation and belittling of whole groups has been, throughout the ages, one of the very greatest stains on human history.

It would be tedious and unprofitable to go through all Mr Dalrymple's tittle-tattles, as it would be to try to convince Inspector Woollard that he has not been done down by a conspiracy of Masonic fellow-policemen (which is where Mr Dalrymple comes in). But a sample may be useful.

In a kind of oo-er, eyes-rolling, the-bogeyman-is-coming article early in his campaign, Mr Dalrymple managed to suggest that Masons, following the diabolical Protocols of the Elders of Masonry, are wont to conspire to hide the wrongdoing of a fellow Mason, "even if he has committed crimes that include theft and murder". This is the article which also includes the Masonic Jack the Ripper – "The injuries to the women were very similar to the macabre descriptions of what would happen to Masons who exposed craft secrets . . . the blatant cover-up was orchestrated by the Commissioner and his Masonic cronies . . .". Tittle-tattle? This seems to indicate that Mr Dalrymple would do well to have a nice long holiday in the Bahamas.

Why does all this matter? It matters in the way it would matter if the target of these scatter-shot charges were indeed Jews rather than Masons (many Jews, incidentally, *are* Masons). And if you want to know where this kind of thing leads *immediately* (we all know where it leads ultimately), try this sample of a letter *The Independent* printed early in the campaign:

> . . . pinpoints the Freemasonry movement as the probably common factor behind many miscarriages of justice . . . Masonic influence can be felt . . . among magistrates and court officials . . . responsible for not only eliminating our most honest policemen but also for removing defence solicitors in the middle of trials by unjustified threats and trumped-up charges . . . My career . . . has been destroyed . . . by some conspiracy. If this is not Masonic in origin one wonders what other malign influence is at work . . ?

But it matters in another sense altogether; a much narrower sense, but a crucial one. After Mr Dalrymple's campaign had been going for some time, Mr Paul Foot of the *Daily Mirror*, putting aside for a moment his assiduous efforts to see this country transformed into a replica of Bulgaria, published a story about a couple in Nottingham; the husband had been convicted of an offence, and his wife learned that she was *not* to be prosecuted for an action (which she had consistently denied) that at one time seemed likely to result in a charge. Mr Foot, in his second sentence, described the husband as "one of the city's top freemasons". None of Mr Foot's allegations concerned Masonry or the offender's membership; no link with other Masons was suggested; the defendant's membership was in no way relevant.

We expect a Trotskyist fanatic to behave like this, and Mr Dalrymple is plainly beyond cure. But the editor of *The Independent*, which has established a very different kind of reputation, must be told that Mr Dalrymple's campaign has not enhanced it.

Commentary • RONALD BUTT

Loyalty's limits

Rulers and governments with an exceptional record of success always find it difficult to contemplate the possibility of failure whatever cause they take up. They think that their past victories bind their followers to them with bonds of unquestioning loyalty on every issue.

When they meet obstruction from those whose support and trust they think they should be able to take for granted, they look for conspiratorial motives and see not a genuinely different point of view but only thwarted ambition, treachery and personal discontent. That is how the revolt against the poll tax is seen within the Government and it is dangerous for Mrs Thatcher that it should be so.

Mrs Thatcher divides the political world into those who do and those who do not share her values. Those who are for her she thinks must be for her root and branch; those who oppose her on any question are suspected of being generally unsound. Most of us, if we are honest with ourselves, must admit to having something of the same instinct. But in politics it must be held in check and many a great ruler has come to a fall by not recognizing that there can be no unquestioning obedience.

There can be no blank cheques in democratic politics. Governments should not be encouraged to arbitrariness either by toadyism or by a party fervour which overrides an honest personal judgement of what is for the common good. Those ministers who put it about at the weekend that the rebellion over the poll tax is to be explained by the machinations of Michael Heseltine were foolish. No doubt Mr Heseltine talks to his friend Michael Mates, whose amendment precipitated the rebellion, about the poll tax. Mr Heseltine's zeal against the tax may well be heightened by his dislike of Mrs Thatcher's way of conducting Cabinet government and the Westland episode.

But the fact that strong causes in politics quickly attract able leaders who are out of sympathy with the reigning power does not diminish the cause. A rebellion of the magnitude of that on Monday night – with such disinterested senior backbench Tories as Sir Philip Goodhart voting against the Government and Sir Brandon Rees-Williams abstaining – does not arise from wanton rebelliousness. There were also warnings from such experienced loyalists as Julian Amery who, though voting for the Government, made it clear that all was not well.

The same was true of the resistance to health service charges for dental and eye tests and to the social security changes. Tories know that the social service benefit system needs rationalization but generally recognize that this cannot be done by snatching at "easy" solutions without due regard for the consequences. They accept that the system should discourage the dependency culture but do not think it helps to penalize pensioners who have exercised a little thrift and whom it is too late to subject to "independency" incentives. The Government needs a coherent philosophy to guide its approach to poverty.

As for the poll tax, that was also an expedient hastily snatched at to find a way of redeeming Mrs Thatcher's personal commitment to abolish the rates. Rates had been pronounced bad and a local income tax was declared unacceptable in terms of Treasury control of the economy. A solution was needed and eventually an internal committee of the Environment Department chaired by William Waldegrave (for whose All Souls' mind Mrs Thatcher has a profound admiration) came up with the poll tax scheme. It was an intellectual construction, the philosophy of which was promulgated without full reference to essential details. Adherence to it has since somehow become regarded as a litmus test of adherence to market economy principles when it is no more than an expediency which has been proved to be inexpedient.

If on Monday night the abstainers and all those (including a number of PPSs) who were seriously worried had felt free to vote according to their wishes, the poll tax would have been lost. That is the fact of politics that not only the Lords but the Government must now take into account. A tax of this sort cannot sensibly be forced through against so much opposition in the governing party.

The answer suggested in this column months ago is to confine the poll tax for genuinely "local" expenditure for which local authorities must be responsible but to reduce its burden by transferring from local authorities to the Exchequer the cost of education, the fire service and police, which are no more local charges than defence is. If income tax goes up and rates go down, it is as broad as it is long. There may be some other solution but it will not be in the Government's interest to stick to the poll tax Bill as it stands.

SCIENCE REPORT

A boost for hope

Professor Daniel Zagury, the first person known to have given himself a shot of a possible vaccine against Aids, reports some success in finding a booster treatment producing long-lasting immunization against HIV (human immunodeficiency virus), which causes the disease.

Zagury, at the Pierre and Marie Curie University in Paris, describes experiments on himself and other volunteers in today's issue of *Nature*. Zagury is not infected with HIV. His object was to find out whether the vaccination was safe, and could stimulate the body's defences.

Zagury used four preparations to try to enhance the effectiveness of his Aids vaccine. After inoculating up to half a dozen volunteers with the vaccine, he gave them the booster treatment a month or more afterwards. The best booster, Zagury says, is the one he gave himself; it seems to prompt the body's immune system to produce large amounts of antibody, effective against the HIV strain the original vaccine was made from and against related strains.

Zagury's booster was made by infecting his white blood cells with the virus used for making the vaccine, killing them and infusing the products back into the bloodstream over several hours. The treatment produces extra antibodies and white blood cells which deal with some aspects of later HIV infection. Although the booster seems safe and effective, its large-scale use would not yet be practicable, but Zagury says he plans to simplify the treatment.

Richard Leadbetter

The key, he says, is to present the body's immune system with the parts of the virus that it encounters in the course of a natural infection; these must be on the surfaces of the cells, as they are after infection.

Zagury plans a trial of vaccination followed by booster treatment in Zaire. Six of the authors of today's *Nature* report are from Zaire, and support the trials. The authors include several Paris colleagues of Zagury, and Robert Gallo, co-discoverer of HIV.

Zagury's vaccine and boosters are all based on a hybrid virus made by genetically manipulating a gene from HIV into the virus used for smallpox vaccination. An application by a subsidiary of the pharmaceutical company Bristol-Myers to test a similar hybrid virus on American volunteers is awaiting approval.

At least two other possible Aids vaccines are being tested in the US. One is a purified HIV protein, known as gp160, made by the US biotechnology company MicroGeneSys, which is being tested on uninfected male homosexual volunteers.

The other trial involves giving killed HIV to a small number of people in the hope of boosting their immune responses. This is masterminded by Jonas Salk, who in the late 1950s developed killed-poliovirus as a vaccine against polio.

The months ahead will see trials of many other HIV vaccines. Much research is meant to tell which fragments of the proteins made by HIV are most effective in triggering the immune defences and then to enhance the immune response to them. There are also schemes to arrange protein fragments in ways that mimic the external surface of HIV.

Even so, while optimism persists that an Aids vaccine will eventually emerge, researchers are increasingly shy of guessing when. That explains the attention now being paid to the search for drugs, even if they only suppress HIV and treat the immunodeficiency it causes rather than eradicating infection.

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WORLD HELD HOSTAGE

The world should rejoice that the 31 remaining hostages are free at last. But the world should be profoundly worried that so too are their captors.

What "deal" was made was unclear last night. Given the states involved, it is likely that it was murky. Any arrangement which involves murderers going unpunished is bound to be. That is one of the things which should be borne in mind amid civilized humanity's understandable relief at the survival of the 31.

Two of their original number are dead. Those who killed them have been spirited away by Algerian military aircraft — back into the murderous politics of the Middle East, almost certainly to kill again.

This airlift of the guilty was carried out by a nation state — Algeria — with its seat in the United Nations, embassies in the great capitals, state visits hither and thither, and general air of being part of a stable international order. It is one thing for murderers to get away with it as a result of their own guile. That has always happened. It is quite another thing for their escape to be connived at by government.

Government is the authority whose first duty is to uphold the law, not to undermine it, or to arrange for the guilty to escape its consequences. All governments do so from time to time, including Western ones. But no government should make a vocation of it, which is what Algeria has been doing.

Algeria has done itself a bit of good by playing the mediator. But, judging by the way that country is now being talked about, one could be forgiven for assuming it to be the Middle East version of Switzerland — a country of exemplary liberal institutions whose historic role is to bring humanitarianism to bear on international conflict.

Algeria is not in that category. Instead, it has won for itself a reputation among Middle Eastern hijackers as the place where they are most likely to escape with their lives should their demands be refused and they decide to call it a day for the time being. It is an inglorious role for any country.

Kuwait was the country which refused the most. So, on the face of it, Kuwait comes out of the affair well. But through Algeria it was almost certainly a party to the final arrangement with the hijackers. Let us hope that it did not make too many concessions.

It has behaved honourably. But, in so far as it is possible, the diplomatic community should keep a close eye on its prison gates in the next few weeks to see if there are any premature releases of the 17 prisoners who were the subject of the hijackers' demands.

Cyprus seems to have wanted to reach some accommodation with the hijackers similar to the one arrived at in Algeria yesterday. As it is, Cyprus did agree to refuel the aircraft. So it too was prepared to yield. But, in Cyprus's case, the willingness to refuel was perhaps excusable as part of the process of wearing down the hijackers and avoiding the further murders which at that time seemed likely.

Back in Beirut last night, the hijackers could ponder a mixed outcome. They did not secure the release of the Kuwaiti prisoners, but then, they might never have seriously believed they would. They won publicity for the cause of Shi'ite extremism. They got away with two murders. They held the world hostage as well as those poor passengers. They are alive to terrorize again.

The rest of the world's air travellers remain more at risk than ever. Innocent people caught up in a hijack are unlikely to be killed in the end — though sooner or later some desperate gang will make good their threat to blow up themselves and their captives.

Hijacking is too serious a matter to be left to Middle-Eastern states which lack the will or the means to protect international law and order, even if they really wanted to do so. Hijacking is the new piracy, and piracy was put down by the most powerful Western states taking it upon themselves to act on behalf of civlization as a whole.

That has been an unfashionable idea since the invention of the Third World and the erosion of Western self-confidence. But it is an idea which is slowly reviving and must revive still more unless more murderers are allowed to be flown to safety by the Algerian airforce so that they can plot their next outrage.

NEW FAITH IN THE CITIES

The leadership of the Church of England would be more embarrassed than comforted to be told that its new initiative for the inner cities fits in well with the policy of the Government. There is a current delusion in the Church that on to its shoulders has fallen the mantle of the Official Opposition.

None the less, the gap between the Church's present policy and that of three years ago is as great as it is greatly to be welcomed. The underlying philosophy of the Church Urban Fund, which was launched with a splendid service at Westminster Abbey yesterday, is that the rejuvenation of the inner cities will happen best when local communities, voluntary resources, and commerce work closely together. This is very different from the position when the Church published its famous report *Faith in the Cities* in 1985.

The emphasis then was on a massive transfer of public resources, in effect a further wave of almost indiscriminate block grants and subsidies at the tax-payers' expense. The Government's irritated response at the time was in three parts: that such minutiae of economic and political practicalities were none of the Church's business; that it had been tried before and did not work; and that it did not correspond to the Government's philosophy of enterprise and self help.

As a result some in the Church chose to hear a different message from the Government — that the inner cities were no part of Whitehall and Westminster's concern. This was never the case but the split between the two sides remained open. The presence of Cabinet ministers at yesterday's abbey service represents a reconciliation of sorts. So does the Archbishop of Canterbury's admission in his sermon that *Faith in the City* "may not have got everything right."

Nor, however, did the report get everything wrong. For as well as telling the Government how to run the country, it more specifically and appropriately suggested things the Church could do itself. That was the inspiration of the Church Urban Fund. The "transfer of resources" it envisages is modest. But it is a response which fits the need, and fits well enough the Government's own inner city initiatives.

The fund hopes to handle some £4 million a year. This is a welcome symbol of the Church of England's concern that its more prosperous members should accept some responsibility for those less fortunate. The controllers of the fund aim to encourage what is there rather than to create initiatives afresh from outside. There will be careful scrutiny of specific projects before they are endorsed and supported, which should help assure their quality.

The assistance of the fund will go alongside funds raised locally. Solidarity and involvement is preferred to paternalistic benevolence. This general approach is a model the Government can welcome for other parallel initiatives.

The Church of England has its own presence in the inner city, even if its liturgical ministrations are somewhat sparsely supported. With declining manpower and membership it was faced with a clear temptation to concentrate where its strength lay in the suburbs and county towns. But instead of withdrawing most of its stake in the inner urban areas, it has rightly chosen to seek a way to use its urban network for the common good.

THE LAST TEST

Cricket has emerged badly bruised from the winter. The game has earned headlines only for the worst of reasons — for unseemly conflict between captains and umpires, for players destroying their stumps and their moral code, and loutish behaviour by luminaries who ought to know better. The repair job will be extensive and it must start today.

The new season, and with it the romance of fresh-cut grass and springtime dreams, is a new chance, maybe a last chance. Cricket cannot withstand further self-inflicted wounds from those who place their personal ego above their profession. In England, the game exists through commercial sponsors but every one of them is set to monitor the events to come, fearful that their own market-place reputations could suffer from an alliance with men who have forgotten how to behave.

Worse still than the financial threat is the risk of contamination to the next generation of cricketers. Those who devote time and energy to the organization of the game in schools and clubs can hardly avoid anxiety. They must fear that the boys they coach will consider it either clever or commonplace to indulge in some of the more unsavoury antics they observed on their television screens this winter. It is now the urgent responsibility of every professional player in this country to restore the traditional values of their game and to channel their aggression into areas where it benefits the spectacle of cricket, rather than damaging its future.

The players predictably feel they have been badly served by media reporting of the winter incidents. Their claim, if not a plea of total innocence, is that they are being painted far blacker than is fair. What they must now accept, however, is that those who ultimately pay their wages — the sponsors and the public — are not in the mood to tolerate anything further which drags cricket into the gutter.

The West Indies will be in England this summer. Entertainment of the highest quality is in prospect, with our national team striving to improve its woeful recent record against the most formidable side in the world. Let us hope that the headlines are made by the heroics of batsmen and bowlers, not by bickering and bad conduct.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Safe custody of museum treasures

From the Director of the British Museum

Sir, Your leader of April 16 stated that the National Audit Office has accused the British Museum of scandalously neglecting the millions of works that lie unexhibited in their collections. The Audit Office has made no such accusation. Its report, which deals with value for money, made little direct criticism of the museum. It discussed the museum's acquisition and disposal problems with some sympathy; investigated security with some approval, and pointed to problems of conservation and stocktaking.

This last matter is perhaps the most difficult of solution, but steps are being taken to deal with it. The British Museum has, however, perhaps the largest and most sophisticated conservation unit in the world. It will spend some £1 million this year in hands-on conservation. Since 1985 the museum has used, or is using, more than £10 million of non-Government money to increase its facilities (including rehousing half its conservation staff in modern laboratories).

Our current programme will, in the long term, contain the conservation problems — with the exception of one important area where additional resources of money and training are needed to bring the collections up to modern standards. This is the western prints, where constant handling by journalists and others is damaging a small percentage of our vast collection (one of the largest and most easily accessible research instruments of its sort in the world — some 7,000 visits are made to the Print Room every year by individual researchers). There are methods of tackling this problem and all that is needed are reasonable extra resources.

All our high-value works of art are being well conserved and are constantly monitored; the "millions of works which lie unexhibited in our collections" are in fact largely the tools of international scholarship assembled over more than 200 years — flint implements, potsherds, cuneiform tablets, papyri, etc — which are cherished both by the museum and by international specialists. The great majority of these objects has little monetary value.

Yours etc,
DAVID M. WILSON,
Director,
The British Museum, WC1.
April 18.

From Sir Hugh Leggatt

Sir, May I make several points in connection with your leader on the sale of items from museums and galleries and books from the Rylands Library? Apart from those financially involved there seemed no serious support for the sale by the University of Manchester of the precious books from the Rylands Library, merely outrage.

As far as museums and galleries are concerned, some already have limited powers of disposal for reasons such as duplication, infestation, etc, the Victoria and Albert and British museums being the most important examples. However, what is worrying is that the Government is planning to enable the trustees of the National Gallery, National Portrait Gallery and Tate Gallery to sell *unique* paintings from their collections. At the present time the trustees of these institutions are opposed to this proposal for a number of reasons, which have been widely publicised.

But the real problem arises in the future. What if the Government brings pressure to bear on the trustees to sell? After all, a former Administration, under Mr Edward Heath, did exactly that when it "persuaded" the trustees to impose admission charges, much against their will. And history has an unhappy knack of repeating itself.

Finally, I fear that it would not be so-called minor works which would be the first to be sold, but the most valuable to, as you say, millionaires in America — and, increasingly, in Asia — who would cheerfully pay fortunes for many of these works.

Yours faithfully,
HUGH LEGGATT,
Leggatt Brothers,
17 Duke Street,
St James's, SW1.
April 17.

Custody power over 14-year-olds

From Mr John Patten, Minister of State, Home Office

Sir, Robert Kilroy-Silk, in his argument for abolishing the existing power of the courts to give short custodial sentences for 14-year-old boys ("Pointless penalties", April 15), misses some important points.

First, he fails to mention recent successes in juvenile justice. It is now generally accepted that, wherever possible, juvenile offenders should be dealt with in the community. This represents a huge shift in attitude. Its impact has been dramatic.

As recently as 1981 we were locking up nearly 8,000 juveniles under 17. By 1986, within five years, the figure had dropped to only about 4,500. The Government introduced a new sentencing framework for young offenders aimed at keeping them out of custody wherever possible, and has backed this with large sums of money to provide facilities for dealing with young offenders in the community.

Mr Kilroy-Silk's article also fails to illustrate fully the nature and extent of juvenile offending. In 1986, 22,500 14-year-old boys were sentenced or cautioned for indictable offences. Over 1,700 of them were dealt with for offences of violence, sexual offences and robbery; more than 4,700 were dealt with for burglary.

These figures speak for themselves. On the other hand, there were only 6,400 14-year-old girl offenders, of whom over 90 per cent had committed theft and other non-violent offences.

Given the size and nature of the problem, it would be wrong to deprive the courts of the power as a last resort to use custody for 14-year-old boys. Sometimes the circumstances of the offence and the offender leave no other option. The huge drop in the use of custody between 1981 and 1986 was achieved without abolishing custody for any group.

The courts have kept their powers to impose custody, but have used them less frequently because alternatives were available in which both they and the public could have confidence. The Government attaches great importance to improving further the alternatives to custody, and believes that is the constructive way forward.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN PATTEN,
Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
April 19.

Keeping own counsel

From Mr Roger Davey

Sir, It is to be regretted that Mr Roger Gray, QC (April 18) feels that a useful purpose is served by giving us his views on the question of direct access to the Bar, ahead of the report of the Marre committee. Clearly he would like to preserve the restrictive practice whereby, save for exceptions, a lay client is prevented from enjoying direct access to his barrister.

With the greatest respect, I am bound to say that the arguments produced by Mr Gray perhaps owe more to protecting the Bar's interest than public interest. Experienced counsel will remain objective, however near, or tiresome, the client may be.

To argue against direct access is to interfere with the freedom of choice of the barrister as well as of the client. Let us each make our own choices without being told by others what choices to make, or that there are no choices.

I remain, yours faithfully,
ROGER DAVEY,
Malton House,
24 Hampshire Terrace,
Portsmouth, Hampshire.

Training cutbacks

From Mr Richard Price

Sir, Harvey Elliott (report, April 11) highlights an alarming shortage of aircraft maintenance engineers and part of this is undoubtedly due to cutbacks in training by the major airlines. In addition, the problem is exacerbated by the tendency of smaller airline companies to poach, but not to train.

Surely what is required now is a quality YTS-funded aircraft engineering programme directed specifically at the smaller operator to combat this serious skills shortage.

The aim of the Youth Training Scheme, after all, is to provide quality training for young people to equip them with the skills needed by industry and it would seem that the aircraft sector in particular would benefit from such a programme.

Yours faithfully,
R. PRICE,
North Sussex Training Association,
Crawley College of Technology,
35A Hasslett Avenue,
Crawley, West Sussex.
April 12.

Media differences

From Mr G. G. Thomason

Sir, In all the talk about media bias and inaccuracies, no one seems to mention a fundamental difference between broadcasting and the press.

Reports in newspapers are printed only once in an issue, and even then need not be read. Reports on radio and TV are repeated in bulletin after bulletin — often several times in each bulletin — and cannot be avoided without switching off the whole programme.

Such brainwashing is normally harmless, but sometimes the selected items include a summary of a newspaper "exclusive" which is disseminated country-wide, giving it an authority it may not deserve.

Yours faithfully,
G. G. THOMASON,
Silverdale, 8 Ouseley Road,
Old Windsor, Berkshire.

Finding the way

From Mr A. D. H. Leishman

Sir, Your report (April 12) of lost drivers wasting £200 million in Britain's cities prompts me to make one suggestion to the Department of Transport. It is time all highway authorities were told to ignore municipal boundaries when signposting.

This is already the case in London where, if local authority areas were taken into account, we would have signs in The Strand in the City of Westminster indicating "London" further down the street past Temple Bar, where the actual City of London begins. Absurd though that may sound, there is a not dissimilar instance in Nottingham.

Only a mile or so from Old Market Square we have signs at Trent Bridge saying "Nottingham", because the south side of the river at that point happens to be in a borough, not the city. But motorists from the east and south would also be going "to Nottingham" if they carried on west along the river rather than crossing by Trent Bridge, because the city extends south of the river further west.

What motorists want to know is not when they are crossing boundaries — that is not the job of traffic direction signs — but where they are in the built-up area of Nottingham and where *within* that area the centre and other parts are.

In crossing at Trent Bridge the motorist is heading towards "central Nottingham", and that is what the signs should say, as newer signs now do in London, presumably from a predetermined distance from Charing Cross, which has nothing to do with borough boundaries.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
A. D. H. LEISHMAN,
As from: 75 King Street,
Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

Bottoms up

From Captain D. Pentreath, RN (retd)

Sir, I am grateful to Professor Harris (April 14) for reminding your readers how to avoid placing an object the wrong way up. Two years ago, when I was Commodore of the Clyde Submarine Base, we had a similar problem over a missile warhead which was eventually solved by stencilling the following instructions on the container:

It is necessary for technical reasons that this warhead be stored with the top at the bottom and the bottom at the top. In order that there may be no doubt as to which is the top and which is the bottom for storage purposes, it should be noted that the bottom of each warhead has been clearly labelled with the word "Top".

I would not recommend this solution to VSEL (Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering, Ltd, letter, April 14).

Yours faithfully,
D. PENTREATH,
The Old House, Holt Green,
Wimborne, Dorset.

Electricity rebates

From the Director of the Electricity Consumers' Council

Sir, John Hannan, MP (April 9) is right. The Electricity Consumers' Council has welcomed the Government's intention to legislate for customer rights when the electricity industry is privatised. However, the East Midlands Electricity Board's £5 voucher scheme, though laudable, is no more than a first step.

The Electricity Consumers' Council is looking for a regulatory regime which will protect customers from any abuse of the monopoly position of distribution companies. That means far more than small cash penalties, for instance, for failing to deliver a cooker on time.

Electricity is *the* basic energy source without which nothing works. The regulatory regime must reflect that fact and be able to penalise shareholders for poor practice or declining standards as well as compensate customers directly.

Furthermore, this council will oppose any proposals which do not provide adequate penalties and safeguards.

Yours sincerely,
JENNY KIRKPATRICK,
Director,
Electricity Consumers' Council,
2/16 Torrington Place, WC1.

Early birds

From Mr Michael Davison

Sir, Among the invitations in this morning's post to time-share on the Costa del Sol and cruise in the Caribbean, out popped a Christmas greetings card, complete with robins, sprigs of holly and snowflakes.

I appreciate the generous spirit of the senders in giving me this early opportunity to send for their Christmas gift catalogue; but I think not *just* yet, thank you.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL DAVISON,
5 St Albans Road,
Kingston upon Thames, Surrey.
April 19.

Caught out

From Mr Henry James

Sir, I learn from "School announcements" in today's *Times* (April 18) that Eton will be playing Harrow at Lord's on Saturday, June 25, and that Harrow will be playing Eton at Lord's on Saturday, July 2. I suppose that each side will claim victory by default, but the MCC may be less than pleased.

Yours faithfully,
HENRY JAMES,
St James's House,
Brightwell-cum-Sotwell,
Wallingford, Oxfordshire.
April 18.

*** June 25 is correct.

Feline fiends

From Mrs E. M. Leeming

Sir, I wonder if Mr Jack Adrian, of Clematis Cottage, near Malvern (April 14), would like to have my two-year-old cat, Pippin, to live with him in the countryside.

Apart from the usual mice and small birds, I have a horrifying selection of corpses brought in through the cat flap — squirrels, worms, wood pigeons, bats, and frogs (which emit a terrible squeaking noise). These are not killed for some unknown reason, and have to be picked up and taken along the road and surreptitiously dropped over a hedge or they will be promptly caught again.

I do not, unfortunately, live in the Worcestershire countryside but in a flat in a subsurban road. I think Pippin is more of a carnivore than the foxes I feed outside my flat every night; they love bread and jam and chocolate!

Yours faithfully,
EUGÉNIE M. LEEMING,
4 Maybury Court,
Shaftesbury Road,
Woking, Surrey.
April 14.

From Mrs Diana Sturch

Sir, My three cats (hunting abilities ranging from incompetent to pathetic) frequently and proudly bring home "kills" of bacon rind and crusts. I wonder how many of the birds and small mammals brought home by the nation's cats have died from other causes and have been passed off as "kills" by crafty and dishonest felines.

Yours sincerely,
DIANA STURCH,
68 Pinner Road,
Northwood, Middlesex.
April 15.

Hair hazard

From Mr John Ley-Morgan

Sir, I must add a note of caution to Miss Prenss's letter (April 18) re her habit of putting out bunches of human and cat hair for nesting birds.

Nest construction often involves new material being stamped into place and there is a danger that such hair can end up caught around the bird's leg.

A few years ago I gave my nesting canaries identical material, only to find one in a totally exhausted state, hanging from one of the perches to which it had become shackled.

In the confines of the aviary I was able to effect a rescue, but I fear that a wild bird would have experienced a rather slow and tragic death.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN LEY-MORGAN,
The Corn Dolly,
High Street, Worle,
Weston-super-Mare, Avon.
April 19.

Test of means

From Mr John Parfitt

Sir, Professor Forrester (report, early editions, April 12) joins the vociferous ranks of those who object to means-testing as a way of deciding who shall receive social benefits.

I have just received my annual income tax return. I am required by law to disclose my own and my wife's financial circumstances in great detail in order that the Inland Revenue may decide how much tax we are to pay. That is means-testing and I see no objection (or indeed sensible alternative) to it.

Why then should those who are to receive rather than to pay be humiliated by the same procedure?

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
JOHN PARFITT,
South Gables, Cotswold Mead,
Painswick, Gloucestershire.
April 12.

ON THIS DAY

APRIL 21 1960

Mr Leo d'Erlanger (1898 - 1978) was a distinguished banker. Like his grandfather he strongly promoted the idea of a Channel tunnel. He was an influential member of the Channel Tunnel Study Group, whose report is given below

CHANNEL RAILWAY TUNNEL A "PRACTICAL POSSIBILITY"

STUDY GROUP'S ESTIMATE OF £109m COST

A railway tunnel, bored or immersed, is "the best means of linking Great Britain and France" and is a practical possibility. It would cost about £109m, of which about £29m would be needed to cover the cost of installations, terminals, and rolling stock and would be provided by the British and French railways. These are the main conclusions of the Channel Tunnel Study Group, whose report was published yesterday.

The group, which was set up in July, 1957, has two chairmen, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick and M René Massigli, and comprises the Channel Tunnel Company Ltd., the Société Concessionnaire du Chemin de Fer Sous-Marin Entre La France et L'Angleterre, the Compagnie Financière de Suez, and Technical Studies Incorporated, of New York.

The report, after examining proposals for a road tunnel, a railway tunnel, an immersed tube, and a bridge, decided that at the first stage at least the tunnel or tube should carry a railway rather than a road, mainly because of the capacity and earning potential of the proposed construction. They argue that if a road tunnel was put into service in 1965, its capacity would have to be doubled soon after 1980 while at this time a rail tunnel would have capacity enough to absorb 70 per cent more than the peak traffic estimated — a calculation based on 110 trains a day in each direction, with a theoretical capacity of 216 trains.

TRAFFIC DIVERSION

The earning power of a rail tunnel is estimated at £13m. gross in 1965 and £21m. in 1980; the gross receipts of a road tunnel would not be more than £9m. in 1965 and £15m. in 1980. The figures assume a substantial diversion of traffic from the seaborne service to the coach service between British and French terminals.

On the financial implications, the group point out that if the undertaking was to be financed exclusively by private capital, then various assurances would have to be forthcoming, "without which private capital could not be expected to run the risks involved." The actual cost of a railway tunnel is estimated at £80m., to which must be added interest during construction of about £14m. as well as some £6m. for working capital, expenses of issue in respect of share and loan capital, and other charges.

Assuming that the cost of railway terminals, equipment and rolling stock at some £30m. is financed by the railways, the report states that the study group have considered the problem of private financing on the basis of an investment of about £100m. Any such plan for financing the cost of the tunnel must envisage the creation, by a Franco-British treaty, of an international company to finance, construct and own the tunnel, assume the grant by the two govenments of the necessary minimum rights, exemptions and assurances, and be based on a working agreement with the British and French railways. . .

Mr Leo d'Erlanger, chairman of the English Channel Tunnel Company and a member of the study group, told a press conference yesterday that he felt that the earliest the tunnel could be ready for use would be in about six and a half years from now.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
April 20: The Princess Royal, Past Master, the Worshipful Company of Farriers, attended a luncheon at Epsom Racecourse (Managing Director, Mr. Timothy Neligan).

Her Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received by Major James More-Molyneux (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey).

The Princess Royal, President, Royal Yachting Association, this afternoon attended a Council Meeting at the Royal Thames Yacht Club, Knightsbridge.

Her Royal Highness, Honorary Fellow, the Institution of Electrical Engineers, this evening attended the Institution's Council Dining Club Dinner at Savoy Place, London SW1.

The Hon. Mrs. Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
April 20: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, presented the Cornwall Business Challenge Awards at County Hall, Truro and subsequently visited business projects in Cornwall.

His Royal Highness, attended by Mr. David Landale, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Prince of Wales this evening opened an exhibition marking the quattrocentenary of the Spanish Armada at the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SE10.

Mr David Wright and Commander Richard Aylard, R.N. were in attendance.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, London City Ballet, attended a dog racing evening, in aid of the charity, at Wembley Stadium.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Major Christopher Lavender were in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
April 20: Commandant M.H. Fletcher today had the honour of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Commandant-in-Chief, Women's Royal Naval Service, upon relinquishing her appointment as Director.

Commandant A. Larkin also had the honour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming her appointment as Director, Women's Royal Naval Service.

KENINGTON PALACE
April 20: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon opened the Society's London Communications Centre at Hatton Garden.

The Hon. Mrs. Wills was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
April 20: Princess Alexandra, as Patron of the Ocean Youth Club, was present this evening at a concert given in aid of the New Vessels Appeal at the Mansion House.

Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

The Queen celebrates her birthday today.

Today's royal engagements

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend a concert at St George's, Hanover Square, at 7.25 to mark the 250th anniversary of the Royal Society of Musicians of Great Britain.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, will attend a concert at St Nicholas', Newbury, Berkshire, at 7.25 in aid of the fund.

The Princess Royal, president, will attend the launch of the publication *Prospects for Africa* at the Royal Society of Arts at 10.30; will visit the Equine Rehabilitation Centre, Snetterton, Norfolk, at 3.30; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a reception given by the local branch of the appeal in Norwich Castle Museum Rooms, Norwich, at 6.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will open the new factory of Keunen Brothers at Irthlingborough, Northamptonshire, at 11.35; and, as Patron of the Friends of Peterborough Cathedral, will visit the cathedral at 2.30 on the occasion of the 750th anniversary.

The Duchess of Gloucester will attend the "Healthy Hearts" Ball at the Hurlingham Club at 8.40 in aid of the Coronary Prevention Group.

Furniture Makers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Furniture Makers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr Roger H Richardson; Senior Warden, Mr John Reid; Junior Warden, Mr Robin W C Waring.

New Bencher

Mr Nigel Thornton Hague, QC, has been elected a Bencher of The Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Jan van Riebeeck, naval surgeon, founder of Cape Town, Culemborg, Netherlands, 1619; Friedrich Froebel, educator, Oberweissbach, Germany, 1782; Charlotte Brontë, Thornton, Yorkshire, 1816; Hippolyte Taine, philosopher, Vouziers, France, 1828; Sir Herbert Barker, manipulative surgeon, Southport, 1869; Henri de Montherlant, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1896.

DEATHS: Saint Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury 1093-1109, Canterbury, 1109; Peter Abelard, theologian, Chalon-sur-Saône, 1142; Henry VII, reigned 1485-1509, Richmond, Surrey, 1509; Eliza Barton, The "Holy Maid of Kent", executed London, 1534; Jean Racine, dramatist, Paris, 1699; Mark Twain, Redding, Connecticut, 1910; Samuel R Crockett, novelist, Avignon, 1914; Robert Bridges, Poet Laureate 1913-30, Chilswell, Kent, 1930; John Maynard Keynes, Baron Keynes economist, Tilton, Somerset, 1946; Sir Stafford Cripps, statesman, Zurich, 1952; Sir Edward Appleton, physicist, Nobel laureate 1947, Edinburgh, 1965; Francois Duvalier, President of Haiti 1957-71, Port-au-Prince, 1971.

Christening

The sons of Jeremy and Sheila Waller were christened Anthony Harold Christopher and Nicholas Robert Edward by Canon Edward Powell at St Margaret's Church, Tilbury juxta Clare, Essex, on April 10, 1988. The godparents for Anthony are Mr Martin Waller, Mr Mike Hambly, Mr John Field, Mrs Anne-Louise Garnett and Miss Mary Birley, and for Nicholas are Mr Graham Riddick, MP, Mr Ernest-James Waller, Mr Andrew Small, Miss Belinda Gurney, Mrs Louise Wells and Mrs Lou Johns.

Luncheons

British Medical Association
Dr and Mrs Stephen Lock and Professor B. O'Donnell, Professor of Paediatric Surgery at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, were hosts at a luncheon given by the British Medical Association at BMA House to mark the presentation of a tapestry by Mrs Marta Rogoyska, which was unveiled by Miss Mary Lutyens who was the guest of honour, to the New Nuffield Library on the occasion of its centenary. Sir John Summerson, CH, and Sir Roy Strong were among others present.

Lord Ellenborough
Lord Ellenborough was host at a luncheon held on Tuesday, April 19, at the House of Lords on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of the Towry Law Group. The Chairman of the Towry Law Group, The Hon Cecil Law, was present together with the following financial journalists:

Mr Robin Amlôt, Mr Mihir Bose, Miss Lorna Bourke, Mr Neville Boyd-Maunsell, Miss Margaret Coles, Mr Vincent Duggleby, Miss Wendy Elkington, Mr William Essex, Mr Andrew Eichells, Mr Peter Gartland, Mr John Gaselee, Mr Clifford German, Miss Vivien Goldsmith, Mr Robert Martin, Mr John Morgan, Mr Simon Mountford, Mr David Phillips, Mr Charles Pritchard, Mr Barry Riley, Miss Pauline Skypala, Mrs Sue Thomas, Miss Liz Walkington, Mr David Webster.

Other representatives of Towry Law were: Mr Clive Scott-Hopkins, Mr Alan Wesley, Mr John Bridel, Mr Alastair Culhbert, Mr Paul Rylatt, Mr Alastair Heilbron, Mr Peter Kerr-Moller, Mr Timothy Goodfellow, Mr Khushroo Ruston, Mr Peter Tonkin, Mrs Elizabeth Bourne, Mr Christopher Backhouse, Mr Iain Henderson, Mr Anthony Swanston, Miss Catherine Mackenzie, Mr Robert Wright, Miss Sarah Fox.

Latest wills

Sir Douglas William **Logan** of Restalrig, of Chilham, Kent, barrister, Principal of the London University 1948-75, left estate valued at £60,393 net.

Mr Vernon **Clancey**, of Weybridge, Surrey, an explosives expert who investigated the loss of the Air India Boeing 747 over the Irish Sea in 1985, left estate valued at £312,231 net

Mr Ian Montagu **Fraser**, of Chipstead, Surrey, former Conservative MP and general secretary of the John Lewis Partnership, left estate valued at £274,137 net.

NatWest Mortgage Rate

With effect from 20th April, 1988
for new borrowers, and from 1st May for
existing borrowers, the NatWest Mortgage Rate
payable under current Mortgage Deeds
and Conditions of Offer will be
decreased from 10.25% p.a. to 9.5% p.a.

National Westminster Home Loans Limited
41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP.

THE THYSSEN MASTERPIECES

Mattia Preti, who was born in the remote southern Italian province of Calabria, probably painted The Concert in the 1630s, not long after his arrival in Rome.

It is one of a number of half-length genre scenes, invariably showing musicians, dice players or card players, which have been convincingly dated to this period of Preti's career. The obvious influence is that of Caravaggio.

In this canvas, the boldness of the chiaroscuro, which leaves large areas of the work in stygian gloom and bathes significant details — notably heads, hands, and the woman's decolletage — in bright light, is a clear legacy from Caravaggio, as is the romantic elaboration of the figures' costumes.

On the other hand, the enigmatic treatment of the subject is arguably more in tune with Venetian precedents.

The exceptionally reflective young woman with her fluttering veil may be presumed to be engaged in singing a duet with the boy around whom she puts her arm.

Mouth open, he is totally absorbed in making music, his eyes intently fixed on the sheet of score he holds in his right hand.

Although doubts have in the past been raised about the autograph status of the work, there seems no reason to question it as being from Preti's hand.

The canvas is one of those on show in the Thyssen-Bornemisza Collection, sponsored by The Times, at the Royal Academy until June 12.

University of London degrees

Faculty of Science

Imperial College
BSc: Class 1: K Afarinkia, J C Anderson; A Armstrong; S Arthurs; A Badiani; A Bakhru; C H W Barnes; A B Barnett; A A Barrios; T P Beard; S P Beevor; J V Branch; R J Brimelow; N Broekhuizen; M J Burrows; H K Bustard; N H Carman; V Christou; A C Churchill; B H Clarke; P Cloke; R A Coles; L P Cramer; G J Crofts; C Davies; K J Davis; S N Edwards; L H Elson; M Eracleous, A N Fazakerley; M J Flint; A S Gibson; R J Green; A N Haigh; T D Hardwick; D J Heading; D S Henty; S Holbraad; W A M Jeziorska; C M Jones; Y N Kalia; P H Kapusta; J A Kendall; S C Knight; Y K Kwon; H M Lloyd; I R Mace, A Madin; A T Martin; A R Martirosian; D J Matthews; K A McCormick; F A Mellor; K B Meyer; G D Moore; M Moulouesis; D G Palmer; N L Patel; A M K Pennell; S T Perry; C L Pinches; I R C Post; I Postlova; A J Proughten; G Rao; K A Raw; S Rutherford; A J Sani; R J Sharp; M C Shepherd; M Shipman; D Shukla; S Singh; A C Smith; E A Somner; D A Stallwood; E M Tanner; J Thurlbeck; G F Varani; J N W Vickers; D P Viles; H Walpole; D A Walsh; B J Wright.

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Class 2 (Div 2): C A Abbott; N Z Adal; M Ameen; A Baker; M H E Ball; M A Bell; S M Best, J E Bowie; J S Bradley; T D Brandon; A N Brocklesby; A R Brogan; M C Burgin, A G Cain, P J Cambridge; G M Chapman; K T Chung; P A Clapp; L M Clark; I P Collins; M H Cooke; S P Cooper; D W Cribb; R F Currie; F M Daniel; A M Davies; S J De Mello; D M Dempsey; A J Dodds; Neville Dodds; B N Draper; L A Dutton; R J Everington; N M Fletcher; P A Frost, J A Galloway; C A Gambie; T J Gibson; T A J Glock; A C Gordon; J Green; K M Hampel; G N Hill; E T Houlihan; N J Hughes; V A Ibbotson; P T Jackson; G M Jonsdottir; M A Kaiser; C C Kapumpa; F S Kasmi; F Kaleli; D P Keane; M G D Kemp; K Kim, S E Kirk; R T Kirstein; S S Klair; A Kyriakis; M J Lake; D C Lambert; J H Lambert; D M Lang; M J Lawes; A F Y Lee; V Lee; J P Lewis; S J Little; D Lowrie; A P G Lunghi; S J Mansfield; D G Martin; R L Martin; R Masheder; S McClean; R J McDermott; B A McElroy; S M C McGrath; A S Mears; C J Mills; S A Moorthy; I H Morgan; S J Moulton; L M Nani; A R Neal; D C Y Ng; R J Nugent; I M O'Brien; M D Osborne; J Parham; A M Parsons; R A Pennington; G A Perry; K J Pestell; N A Pissarides; P K Potter; A M Power; A B Rayner; S J Redstone; G J Royle; S Sarkar; J R Saunderson; J M Savage; S Sharma; P J Shaw; S E Shaw; M O Shepherd; S Shepherd; C L Sinfield; C M Skyers; T W Slater; D J Smith; J C Soane; C M Spears; M D Speed; P J Spensley; R G Stewart; V M Stirling; T J Sykes; J L Thompson; R M Thomson; R P Thornton; E J R Tingley; P R Townsend; T E Tunley; M L Van Messel; D C Vaswani; A J Walker; A Wardle; A M Wayland; A Williams; D S Wooding; C E Woodley; K G Yapp.

Class III: N J Armstrong; J A Baxter; M J Birmingham; K P Bonnell; K B Carter; P Caswell; W J Challoner; N J Coates; D Darougar, V J Dodge; C S Eames; M J Ellis; R J Ellis; H A Fassa; C D Hassell; J M How, P J Hunter; D M Kimberley; I R Ladd; P Lambert; P D H Lambert; D Lloyd; R E Loughney; S D Macdermott; G G Nazareth; S Newton, A Nuttall; P A Oakes; S D Parker; W M Redshaw; K Saeed; A Sharma; T Shiolri; A J Snelling; C E Telkman; M R Thompson, P D Turtle; P E Vine; Y W Yip.

Pass: P D Bailey; S R Barham; P S David; C J Draper; D G Froyyall; E F K Gan; M Kostika; S A Lesniak; A R Turner.

King's College
BSc: Class 2 (Div 2): M Suppiah
Aegrotat: M P Jessell

Queen Mary College
Bsc (Aegrotat): P M Kirnel, T S Lloyd-Jones.

Faculty of Arts

School of Oriental and African Studies:
BA (Aegrotat): C S Chaplin

Institute of Education
BA: Class 2 (Div 2): H M T Cook.

Faculty of Education

Institute of Education
BEd: Class 2 (Div 2): N A Denman
Pass E A Massey; S M Rowley; C E Yates
BH: Pass: A W Graves; S Motabhoy

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Peregrine Moncreiffe of Moncreiffe and Miss M. Fox-Pitt
The engagement is announced between Peregrine, son of the late Sir Iain Moncreiffe of that Ilk and of the late Countess of Erroll, and Miranda, daughter of Captain and Mrs Mervyn Fox-Pitt.

Mr K.H. Baker-Munton and Miss N.J. Bisson
The engagement is announced between Kristen Henry, only son of Mr and Mrs M.H. Baker-Munton of Bentons, Bildeston, Suffolk, and Nicola Jane, only daughter of Dr Peter and Dr Margaret Bisson, of Robur, Exeter, Devon.

Mr J.S. Branfoot and Miss C.M. Piddock
The engagement is announced between Jeremy Standish, son of Commander and Mrs Standish Branfoot, of Epsom, Surrey, and Caroline Marie, younger daughter of the late Mr Charles F. Piddock and Mrs Celia Piddock, of Sevenoaks, Kent.

Mr S.R. Eltringham and Miss N. Hall
The engagement is announced between Stuart Eltringham and Nicola Hall, of Chingford, Essex.

Mr C. Elwes and Miss P. Woolworth
The engagement is announced between Cassian, eldest son of the late Mr Dominick Elwes and of Mrs Tessa Kennedy Kastner, of Runnymede House, Old Windsor, Berkshire, and Priscilla, daughter of Mr R.F. Woolworth, of Winthrop, ME, and New York, United States, and the late Mrs Mireille Woolworth.

Mr A.T. Hanna and Miss M.A. Burt
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of the late Mr Tyrrell Hanna and of Mrs Joyce Hanna, of Aldeburgh, Suffolk, and Margaret Ann, daughter of Mr John Mowlem Burt, of Ewhurst Green, Surrey, and Mrs Linda Burt, of Cowes, Isle of Wight.

Mr D.J. Jacobs and Miss S.M. Lewis-Barned
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs J. Jacobs, of Rustington, West Sussex, and Suzi, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F. Lewis-Barned, of Church Hanborough, Oxfordshire.

Mr D.J. Plewis and Miss S. Halliday Hyde
The engagement is announced between David John, only son of Mr and Mrs W.T.G. Plewis, of Gravesend, Kent, and Suzanne, only child of Mr and Mrs J.J. Hyde, of Gravesend, Kent.

Mr J. McCallister and Miss C. Rhoden
The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr and Mrs Ben McCallister, of Kansas, and Caroline, daughter of Mrs Charles H. Price, II, and stepdaughter of the American Ambassador to the Court of St James's.

Mr D.R. Shukman and Miss J.T. Pryce-Jones
The engagement is announced between David, son of Dr Harold Shukman, of Oxford, and Mrs Ann Shukman, of Somerton, Oxfordshire, and Jessica, daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs David Pryce-Jones, of Kensington, London.

Mr W.N. Silver and Miss K. Munro
The engagement is announced between William, second son of the late Mr A. Silver and of Mrs Polly Silver, of William House, Orford, Suffolk, and Katrina, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs W.M. Munro, of Fernielaw House, Colinton, Edinburgh.

Mr J.P. Winser and Miss C.M. Wright
The engagement is announced between Julian Pole, eldest son of the late Mr Michael Winser and of Mrs Michael Winser, of Southwell, Nottinghamshire, and Catherine Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Wright, of Easterton, Wiltshire.

Dr A.D.B. Waldman and Dr L.J. Kerr
The engagement is announced between Adam, son of Dr J.D. Waldman, of Muswell Hill, London, N10, and Mrs D. Owen, of Anglesey, and Louise, daughter of Dr and Mrs R.M.B. Kerr, of Grange Park, London, N21.

Marriages

Mr S.C.P. Ognall and Miss J. Jones
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 9, in Pannal, Yorkshire, between Mr Simon C.P. Ognall, eldest son of Sir Harry Ognall, of London, and Mrs Jean Swaine, of Harrogate, and Miss Jacquelyn Jones, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs C.M. Jones, of Harrogate.

Major M.T.D. Butler and Miss C.C. Worthington
The marriage took place on Saturday, April 9, 1988 in the Royal Memorial Chapel, Sandhurst, of Major Mark Thomas Dacres Butler, 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, younger son of Major-General and Mrs Hew Butler, of Bury Lodge, Hambledon, Hampshire, to Miss Catherine Clare Worthington, daughter of Mr Philip Worthington, of The Knoll House, Knossington, Oakham, Leicestershire, and Mrs Edwin Eyers, of Chobham Place, Chobham, Surrey. The Ven Frank Johnston officiated, assisted by the Rev Peter Clemett.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miranda Worthington, Toby Moseley, Amanda and Oliver Gibson, Rebecca Butler and Miss Sophie Gale. Mr David Milligan was best man.

Birthdays today

Sir George Burton, former chairman, Fisons, 72; Mr Charles Carrington, author, 91; the Earl of Derby, 70; Sir Eric Faulkner, former chairman, Lloyds Bank, 74; Professor Sir Laurence Gowing, painter, 70; Air Marshal Sir John Hunter-Tod, 71; Mr John McCabe, director, London College of Music, 49; Dr Halfdan Mahler, director-general, WHO, 65; Miss Angela Mortimer, tennis player, 56; Mr John Mortimer, QC, barrister, playwright and author, 65; Mr Norman Parkinson, photographer, 75; Sir Raymond Potter, former chairman, Halifax Building Society, 72; Mr Anthony Quinn, actor, 73.

Dinners

Families for Defence Patrons Club
Lady Olga Maitland, Chairman of Families for Defence Patrons Club, presided at a dinner held at the House of Commons last night sponsored by Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP. Mr David Mellor, QC, Minister of State at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, was the guest speaker. Among those present were:

Mr W Aebernard, Mr and Mrs Ahajol, Mr J D Bletchly, Mrs A Brierley, Mr R C Brownlow, Mr T Corbett, Mr J J S Davidson, Mr P F della Torre, Miss L Dunn, Mr G Flower, Mr J Golding, Mr D Harney, Mr G C Harting, Mr J S Hallon, Mr R Hay, Mr R Marcetic, Miss V Miller, Mr and Mrs Mudd, Miss S Parker, Mr D Powell and Mr F Snethlage.

European-Atlantic Group
Lord Rippon of Hexham, QC, Chairman of the European-Atlantic Group, presided at a dinner held at St Ermin's Hotel last night for Mr John Tusa, Managing Director of External Services, BBC, after he spoke at a meeting held at the House of Commons at which Sir Antony Buck, QC, MP, presided and Lord Banks also spoke. Lord Chalfont and Sir Frank Roberts were the speakers at the dinner. Among those present were:

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Sheikh and Sheikha Nezem Karzai Ameri, Judith Countess of Listowel, Baroness Seear, Lord Borthwick, Lady Chalfont, Sir Frederic and Lady Bennet, Lady De Freitas, Sir James and Lady Dunnett, Sir David and Lady Lauderdale, Lady (Ernest) Martin, Sir John and Lady Peel, Lady Roberts, Lady Scott-Hopkins, Sir David Wills, Major-General A J Trythall, Major-General A J Younger and Countess Grlaznoff.

Anglo-Spanish Society
Don Miguel Angel Velarde, Consul General at the Spanish Embassy, presided at the annual dinner of the Anglo-Spanish Society held last night at the Inn on the Park Hotel. Sir Richard Parsons also spoke and Sir Ronald Lindsay of Dowhill, vice-chairman, received the guests.

Management Consultancies Association
Mr Iain Vallance was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the Management Consultancies Association, at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Mr Jim Donaldson, chairman of the association, presided.

The Earl of Lauderdale
The Earl of Lauderdale entertained the Parliamentary group for Energy Studies at dinner yesterday evening in the House of Lords. Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, was the guest of honour. Others present included:

The Hon Alick Buchanan-Smith, MP (chairman), Mr Richard Alexander, MP, Mr Spencer Batiste, MP, the Earl of Bessborough, Dr Michael Clark, MP, Lord Clitheroe, Lord Croham, Mr Geoffrey Dickens, MP, Mr Alexander Eadie, MP, Lord Elibank, Lord Gray of Contin, Lord Gregson, Mr Neil Hamilton, MP, Mr John Hannam, MP, Viscount Hanworth, Viscount Hood, Mr Gerald Howarth, MP, Lord Ironside, Mr Michael Jack, MP, Mr David Lambie, MP, Sir Ian Lloyd, MP, Mr John Marshall, MP, Lord Renwick, Baroness Robson of Kiddington, Mr Allan Rogers, MP, Mr Peter Rost, MP, Mr Andrew Rowe, MP, Mr Ted Rowlands, MP, Mr Tony Speller, MP, Dr Alan Williams, MP, and representatives of associated organisations

The Officers of HMS Cumberland and HMS Norfolk held a Mess Dinner last night at the Royal Scottish Automobile Club in Glasgow, presided over by Lieutenant Commander C.L. Palmer, RN. The guest of honour was Mr Ian McIntyre of Yarrow Shipbuilders Ltd.

Appointment

Air Vice-Marshal N H Mills has been appointed Honorary Physician to Her Majesty he Queen with effect from April 24 in succession to Air Vice-Marshal F C Hurrell.

School announcements

Brentwood School
Trinity Term begins today. Handel's *Messiah* will be performed by the Choral Society in St Thomas's Church on May 7. The Old Brentwoods' Dinner will be held on May 27 and Half-term is from May 27 to June 5. Preparatory School prize-giving and open day will be held on Saturday, June 18 with Mr David Hart being the guest of honour. Junior School Speech Day will be held on Friday, June 24 in the Courage Hall with Mr B. Hearn as guest of honour. Senior School Speech Day will be held on Saturday, June 25. The Preacher for the Commemoration Service will be Canon Sebastian Charles, Canon of Westminster, and the guest of honour for prize-giving will be Sir Terence Beckett. A promenade concert will be held in the evening. The term ends on Friday, July 1.

Bedford School
Summer Term begins today with 1131 boys in the school. Confirmation will be conducted by the Right Rev D.J. Farmborough, Bishop of Bedford, on May 1. The service in commemoration of founders and benefactors takes place at 11.00 am on Sunday, May 15, in the school chapel when the address will be given by the Very Rev Michael Mayne, Dean of Westminster. Old Bedfordians and festival week begins on Sunday, June 26. Sir James and Lady Hennessy and the acting head master and Mrs Barlen will be at home to Old Bedfordians on Saturday, July 2, at 12.00 pm. Paul Jones remains head of school. Sean Costello captain of boats and Michael Simms is captain of cricket.

Bedford High School
Summer Term begins today and ends on July 8, 1988. Mrs E. Surber, from Cheltenham Ladies' College, joins the staff as Second Deputy and Head of the Senior School. The Head Girl is Genevieve Findlay. The guild biennial meeting will be held at the school on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7. Confirmation is on Sunday, May 8, at St Martin's Church. The junior school play, *The Wizard of Oz*, will take place on June 30 and July 1 and 2.

Colfe's School
Summer Term begins today and ends on July 8. Half term is from May 30-June 3. Mr G. Houssein is duty deputy headmaster and retires at the end of term. Prince Michael of Kent will open the new preparatory School building on Leathersellers' Visitation Day, June 23. Old Colfeians and friends of the school are asked to write for invitations. The Right Rev Lord Coggan will give the Colfe Sermon at St Alfege's Church on June 12. The Junior Players perform *The Long, the Short and the Tall* on June 14 and 15. The Cricket XI, Captain R. Harmer, plays MCC on July 6. OCs on July 2 and Leathersellers on June 26. The Chamber Choir will be resident in Gloucester Cathedral from August 22-28.

Dixie Grammar School
Trinity Term began on Tuesday, April 19 and ends on Thursday, July 14. The half-term break is from Monday, May 30 to Friday, June 3. The trustees have appointed Mr C.C. Haddon to the post of Senior Master. The award of the first scholarship since the re-founding of the school in September 1987 has been made to Kate Anne Edwards of St Mary's C.E. School, Bitterswell (Wolfson Scholar).

St Edward's School, Oxford
Term began on Monday, April 18, with Patrick Reason as head of school and Roy Sievers as deputy head. This year marks the 125th anniversary of the founding of the school. Gaudy will start on Friday, May 27, with the topping out of the new Centre for Art, Design, Technology and Mathematics by Mr Graham Cooper. On the Saturday the sermon will be preached by the Rev David Conner and the prizes will be presented by Mr Peter Oppenheimer. Special Gaudy will be on Saturday, June 18. There will be open air performances of *Cavalleria Rusticana* on June 28 and 29. Term ends on June 30.

OBITUARY

SIR ATHELSTAN CAROË

A new face on the TSB

Sir Athelstan Caroë, CBE, who died on April 18, aged 84, was the man who guided the Trustee Savings Bank movement towards becoming the major banking force it is today.

He started his banking career, as one of many interests, as a trustee of the Liverpool TSB. As chairman of the Trustee Savings Banks Association from 1966-76 and then as president of the TSB Central Board, he was in at the start of its evolution from a large number of individual savings banks, mostly serving small savers, into a bank with cheque accounts, loan facilities and its own unit trust and insurance organizations.

Einar Athelstan Gordon Caroë was born in Liverpool in 1903. He was educated at Eton and Trinity College, Cambridge, and spent 18 months with relatives in the grain trade in Denmark.

After a spell in South Africa he joined the firm of W. S. Williamson and Co as senior partner.

He was also a director of insurance companies and of Minton's, the pottery firm. For many years he was Danish consul in Liverpool. He was Pro-Chancellor of Liverpool University.

In 1960 he became president of the International Savings Banks Institute. His command of five languages — French, German, Spanish, Italian and Danish — helped him forge strong links for the TSB abroad.

He was president of the TSB Central Board from 1979 until the TSB flotation in 1986.

At Eton he shone on the football field and was equally good at cricket, but tennis turned out to be his game. He was a member of the Lancashire county tennis team in 1931, won the county doubles championship in 1933 and went on to play at Wimbledon.

His other great hobby was philately — he was a world expert on Scandinavian stamps.

In his various offices he was known for his ability to disentangle complicated issues. He had a concise style of expression that probably came from what he called his foible of writing all his correspondence in longhand.

He attributed his character very much to his father, who "brought us up on the Mr Micawber principle." There was room for hire purchase within limits, he once said, "but I still think basically that a man who spends less than his income, lives well within his means, is the man who lives the happiest life and is probably the better citizen."

He is survived by his second wife, a son and daughter of his second marriage and two sons of his first marriage. His first wife died in 1947.

SR RAFAEL CALVO SERER

Señor Rafael Calvo Serer, who died in Pamplona on April 19, at the age of 71, was a prominent Spanish newspaper proprietor whose pioneering efforts during the latter years of the Franco regime helped lay the ground for today's flourishing press freedom in that country.

Calvo Serer achieved fame largely as the publisher of *Madrid* the evening newspaper which was closed down by the Franco regime in November 1971, when it had achieved the precarious status of the capital's only really independent daily. It had already suffered numerous temporary closure orders and fines, as a result of its publishing information and editorials to which the Government objected.

The end came dramatically after the regime had stubbornly ignored pleas by the newspaper's journalists and printers, and its offices had to be sold off. The building was blown up in April 1973 as crowds watched, to make way for a new property development.

The censors had first struck, closing down the paper for two months when an ingenious editorial was published on May 30, 1968, entitled, "Retirement at the Right Time. No to General De Gaulle." Every discriminating Spanish reader knew it referred not to the French leader, but to General Franco.

Calvo Serer, faced with a trial and probable prison sentence, fled to Paris, where he continued to harrass Franco with his signed articles in *Le Monde*, *Le Figaro*, the *International Herald Tribune* and other foreign dailies. The regime had prepared charges against him of "endangering the security of the state" and he was subsequently charged *in absentia* with political offences.

In 1974, when the regime was nearing its end, Calvo Serer played an active part in the foundation of the Democratic Junta, a coalition of clandestine democratic parties which was preparing for the future. In June, 1976, seven months after Franco's death, he returned to Spain and was imprisoned briefly, only to be amnestied soon afterwards.

That same year Spain's Supreme Court ruled that the closure of his newspaper by the government had been illegal. In 1977 the same court confirmed that verdict and ordered the post-Franco government to pay compensation and damages. With democracy established, the Supreme Court set the amount owed to Calvo Serer as 518 million pesetas (£2.6 million) plus interest.

Calvo Serer's militant opposition to the dictatorship did not seem conditioned in any way by his self-confessed membership in the Roman Catholic lay organisation, Opus Dei, several of whose members were ministers of the Franco Governments during the time of his persecution. He always insisted that his own actions had demonstrated that political freedom existed within Opus Dei, even for strong-willed and strong-minded liberals like himself.

MR ERNEST MILLEN

Ernest Millen, one of London's leading detectives of the 1950s and 1960s, involved in such famous cases as the Great Train Robbery and the smashing of the Richardson and the Kray Gangs, has died at the age of 76.

When he retired as Deputy Assistant Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police in 1969 he had the satisfaction of having supervized the investigations which led to the conviction of some of the *ringleaders* of the Great Train Robbery, but had to admit that more than £2 milllion in bank notes was still missing. "The whole truth may never be known," he commented wryly.

Millen was famous for his extreme determination when working on a case and once, when he had a child murder on his books immediately after the Second World War, he had a whole English provincial town of 48,000 inhabitants finger printed, and eventually detected the criminal among the last 900 examined.

His experience led him firmly to believe that Britain would be better equipped to fight crime if it instituted a national fingerprint register.

Sir Richard Southby, OBE (Mil), 2nd Baronet, who died on April 4, at the age of 77, served during the last war with the Rifle Brigade, from which he retired with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He was awarded the American Medal of Freedom.

He farmed for many years in Rhodesia (mainly cattle and maize) and until his death regarded South Africa as a second home, usually travelling there each year.

He was four times married; and his only child, John Richard Bilbe Southby, a son by his second wife, succeeds him.

SIR JOHN CLEMENTS

Sir John Gielgud writes:
The death of Sir John Clements (obituary April 8) has saddened me very much. Although I knew him not at all intimately, I greatly admired his independence and enterprise in his seasons, when he chose such a distinguished list of plays and so modestly starred in many of them with his enchanting wife.

When I acted for him at Chichester where he managed the theatre so admirably, she was already stricken, but they would both appear on first nights, there, impeccably elegant, to receive a rapturous welcome in the auditorium.

Her illness and eventual death must gave cost him dreadful strain and sadness during his last years, and one can only be glad that the struggle is over. His contribution to the theatre must not be underrated. He was a most gifted and admirable man whom we should all be proud of.

Dr Rodney L. Cool, a physicist who helped to establish that protons and neutrons are made up of the subatomic particles called quarks, died on April 16 in New York, aged 68.

The discovery was made in the 1970s while he was working at the European Centre for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

That being justified by his Grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7

BIRTHS

BALL - On April 19th, to Shan (née Maguire) and Andrew a son Alexander Elliot, a brother for Julian.

BRASS - On April 11th, to Julia (née Fourgous) and Hugh, a daughter Naomi Caroline, a sister for Olivia.

CONNELLIOTT - On April 19th 1988, to Jane and Tony a son, Rufus George.

DAVIES - On April 7th, to Deborah (née Hartley) and Hugh, a son, Maxwell John.

DELVES - On April 12th, at Cuckfield Hospital, to Nicola (née Houseman) and Simon, a son, Oscar John Simon.

EMERY - On April 16th, to Angela (née Maynard) and Roger, twin daughters, Hannah Eliza and Georgia Kate, sisters to Jack.

GLAZER - On April 7th 1988, to Deborah (née Werbner) and Barry, a son, Benjamin Jacob, a brother for Emilie.

GODMAN - On April 13th, to Sally (née Wilson) and Hugh, a daughter, Elizabeth Charlotte Rachel.

HUGHES - On April 14th 1988, to Sian (née Pearson) and Nicholas, a daughter, Jessica Alice, a sister for Emily.

JORDAN - On April 19th, at St Thomas's Hospital, to Ros (née Horler) and Mike a daughter, Olivia Charlotte, a sister to Camilla.

MARTIN - On April 18th 1988, to Fiona (née Greenwood) and Charles, a daughter.

MONK - On April 7th 1988, in New Zealand, to Emma (née Pollak) and Rick, a son, Allister Robert.

PEACOCK - On April 12th 1988, in Hong Kong, to Ulrica and Nicholas, a daughter, Christina Marie.

STEELE - On April 11th 1988, to Elizabeth (née Wilkinson) and David, a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth.

WOODS - On April 19th, to Fiona (née Bevan) and Simon, a son, Oliver James Salisbury, a brother for Georgina.

YATES - On April 18th, to Madeleine (née Haddon) and Paul, a son, Harry John Tennant.

MARRIAGES

DRUMMOND:STACK - On April 16th 1988, at Christ Church, Chelmsford, Andrew elder son of Mr. John Drummond and Mrs. June Drummond, to Harriet, daughter of Mr. Keith Stack and Mrs. Caroline Stack.

TREWHELLA:BONHAM-CARTER - On April 16th, at St. Paul's, Wimbledon Park, Lieutenant Graham Gilbey Trewhella R.N., younger son of Mr. and Mrs. K D Trewhella, of Welwyn Garden City, to Sarah Sibella Louise, only daughter of the Reverend Gerard and Mrs. Bonham-Carter of London, SW19.

DEATHS

ANDERSON SMITH - On April 18th 1988, after a long illness cheerfully borne, Madge Honor, much loved mother of Gill, grandmother of Michael, Peter and Clare and proud great grandmother. Funeral service at St George's, Bicknoller on Monday April 25th at 1.30 pm followed by cremation. No flowers please but donations if desired to Leonard E Smith, 1 Haydon Road, Taunton TA1 1SY for MENCAP or Taunton Samaritans.

ANSON - On April 9th 1988, at home, Annabel Frances Rosalind, in her 21st year, much loved daughter of John Anson and his late wife, Brook, and sister of Martin. Funeral at Putney Vale Cemetary at 2.15 pm on Friday April 29th. Flowers to Mathias, 213 Upper Richmond Road, London SW15.

THOMAS - On April 13th, Halina, of Manor Fields, SW15. Requiem mass at St John's Polish Church, Putney on Tuesday April 26th at 1pm, followed by cremation at Putney Vale.

BEALES - On April 19th 1988, Hugh Lancelot, aged 99, after a short illness. Funeral in East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium on Wednesday April 27th at 11.50am. Enquiries to Levertons at 624 Finchley Road, NW11. Tel: 01-455-4992.

BULLOCK - On April 19th, at a Burgess Hill Nursing home, Doreen Margaret (née Money) aged 89. Widow of Brig. Humphry Bullock C.I.E., O.B.E. formerly of Cirencester. Much loved mother, mother in law and grandmother. Funeral at Cirencester Parish Church on Tuesday April 26th at 2.00pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired to The Friends of Cirencester Parish Church, c/o Barclays Bank, Cirencester. Enquiries to William Collins & Son, 12 Mill Road, Burgess Hill. Tel 04446 3216.

CAROE - On April 19th, 1988, peacefully, Sir Atheistan CBE of Scorton, the dearly loved husband of Jane, father of Fred, Andrew, Clarissa and Patrick. Private funeral service and interment at St Peter's Church, Scorton on Tuesday April 26th at 12 noon. A Memorial Service at Liverpool will be announced at a later date. Enquiries to: L Stewart & Son, tel: Garstang (09952) 2316.

CROWLEY - On April 19th. Thomas Michael (Joe), after an illness fought in faith and with courage. Service at St.Georges Church, Ashtead, Surrey on Monday 25th April at 10 am.

GRACEY - On April 19th, peacefully after an illness fought with courage and dignity at Blenheim Lodge, Minehead, William Bruce Whitla (Bill) DFC of Pillar House, Old Cleeve, husband of the late Monica and dearly loved father of Tim and Biddy. Private cremation followed by a memorial service at St Andrews, Old Cleeve on April 22nd at 11.30am. Family flowers only please.

HIGGINS - On April 19th, at Edenhall Nursing home after a long illness courageously borne, Evelyn Frances (Susan), formerly of London NW6, dear friend to many. Cremation private. No flowers, but donations if wished to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation. Enquiries to Leverton 01-586 4221.

HILL - On April 18th 1988, at Thames Mead Nursing Home, Josephine, widow of the late Colonel Reginald Hill, formerly of Henley-On-Thames.

HOWARD - On April 16th 1988, suddenly but peacefully, John Kenneth Robert, aged 82, husband of the late Prudence and beloved father of Andrew and Richard. Private Cremation followed by a Thanksgiving Service at St Nicholas Church, Remenham, Henley-on-Thames on Tuesday April 26th at 2.30pm. No flowers please.

JOBBINS - On April 17th, Henry Percy Jobbins, Freeman of the City of London, much loved husband of Marjorie, father of David and grandpa of William, suddenly but peacefully in Harold Wood Hospital, Essex. Private cremation on Friday at Upminster Crematorium. No flowers but donations in memory to The British Heart Foundation. A memorial service will be held at St. Peter's Church, South Weald, on Saturday April 30th at 12 noon.

KISSIN - On April 19th, suddenly and peacefully at home, Stephen Fred. The Funeral Service will be held privately.

LANE - On April 19th, Rev Walter Richard, peacefully at home. Funeral at Ashdon Church on Friday 22nd April at 11.30 am. Flowers to 62 Gold St, Saffron Walden, donations to Heart Research.

LANE FOX - On April 17th 1988 in hospital peacefully after a short illness, Felicity, Baroness Lane-Fox of Bramham O.B.E. Much loved daughter of the late Enid and Edward. Funeral private. Memorial Service at a later date, no flowers, donations to Phipps Respiratory Unit Patients Assn, 199 Westminster Bridge road, London SE1 7UT.

MAIN - On April 18th, John Francis Hamilton, aged 62 years, suddenly. Of Westbury House, Westbury-Sub-Mendip near Wells Somerset. Dearly loved husband of Anne, father of Philippa and Timothy, and son of Dorothy. Private cremation. A thanksgiving service for his life will be held at St. Lawrence Church, Westbury-Sub-Mendip on Tuesday April 26th at 2.30pm. Please plant a tree in his memory or donations for Great Ormond Street Hospital c/o T Wicks & Son, 13 Saddler Street Wells. Tel. Wells 78884.

McWILLIAM - On April 19th, peacefully in hospital after a long illness, Elizabeth Marion, dearly loved wife of F. Edward and mother of Sarah and Bridget. Cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, April 25th at 3 pm. Family flowers only.

MILLS - On April 20th, of Lilybom House, Bournes Green, Oakridge, Glos, John, aged 63 years, husband of Valerie and father of Jonathan and Alison. Private Burial. A Memorial Service will take place at Oakridge Parish Church 2.30 pm Tuesday 26th April. Flowers or if desired donations in lieu may be sent for the Parkinsons Disease Association, c/o Philip Ford & Son Funeral Directors Ltd, Dirleton House, Stroud, Glos.

MILWARD - On April 19th 1988, peacefully at Holbrook Hall, George Louis Shaen husband of the late Ann and much loved father of Ian and of Helen Benckendorff. Service at Cambridge Crematorium on Friday April 22nd at 9.30 am. Flowers or donations for RUKBA, may be sent to H J Paintin Ltd, 60 Withersfield Road, Haverhill, Suffolk.

NEEDLER - On April 19th, at Bromley Hospital peacefully after a short illness, Basil Lynn aged 70 years. Loving husband to Eleanor and father to Elisabeth. Private family service. No flowers please.

PARKER - On April 19th, peacefully at home, Great Tew, Oxford, Gilbert William Staveley aged 85 years.

ROTHWELL - On Wednesday April 20th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Harold, dearly loved husband of Vi; father of Jackie and Clive and grandfather of Jason and Max. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Monday April 25th at 12 noon. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Help the Aged, c/o H.C. Patrick & Co, 85 East Street, Farnham, Surrey to whom all enquiries should be addressed.

SMITH - On April 20th, at Broomfield Hospital, Arthur John (Jack), late of Fristling Hall, Stock Essex.

THYNNE - On April 18th, after a short illness, Denis Stanley Sayer of Little Chanky, Winchcombe, Glos. Dearest husband of Gwen, beloved and loving father of Andrew and Pippa. Thanksgiving service after private cremation at St.Peters Church, Winchcombe on Monday April 25th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations in his memory if desired to St.Peters church, Winchcombe.

WATERFIELD - On April 18th 1988, at Woodbridge, Suffolk, peacefully in her sleep, Doris Mary (née Siepmann) in her 93rd year; widow of the late Sir Percival Waterfield KBE CB; much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Cremation at Ipswich, 2.00 pm on Monday April 25. Funeral service and burial at Cofton Church, Starcross, Devon at 2.30pm on Thursday May 5th.

WILLIAMS - On April 17th 1988, in The University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff, Margaret Yvonne, only daughter of the late Percy Williams of Llandaff Rd, Cardiff.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ADAMS - 'Skip' - A memorial service will be held on Sunday May 8th 1988 at St Marys Church, Eversholt Street, NW1 at 4.00 pm to give thanks for the life of Arthur John Walton Adams who passed away on March 13th 1988 at the age of 84. 'Skip' devoted his whole life to Scouting in St. Pancras, more particularly with the 15th St Pancras Scout Group in which he held office for 67 years.

BANTING - Christine, (26.12.1919 - 22.9.1987). Dr Chris Sandford - Full service of thanksgiving on Saturday April 23rd, at 12.30 pm, at St Anne's Church, Bewdley, Worcestershire. Led by Rector of Bewdley and Bishop of Ludlow, and address by Mrs Mary Wilson (Chairman of Executive, National Marriage Guidance Council, 1983 - 6).

FANSHAWE - A service will be held in memory of Major R G Fanshawe at 2.30 pm on May 4th at St Edwards Church, Stow-on-the-Wold.

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JOHNSON - The service of remembrance for Sir Henry Johnson K.B.E. will be held at St. Marylebone Parish Church, Marylebone Road, London NW1, on Friday April 29th at 2.30 pm.

WALTON - A Memorial Service for Sir Raymond Walton will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Wednesday May 4th at 5pm.

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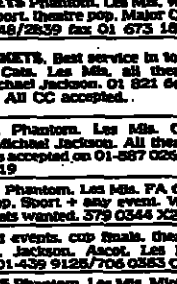

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LEGAL NOTICES

RE: THE ART OF SOFTWARE LTD
AND
The Insolvency Act 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at the The Royal Scot Hotel, 100 Kings Cross Road, London WC1, on Tuesday the 3rd May 1988, at 10.00 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 262 Hayling Road, South Oxhey, Watford, Herts, WD1 6QA, between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. from Friday 29th April 1988.
Dated this 15th day of April 1988
Martin J Gibbs - Director

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NOTICE IS HEREBY given, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above named Company will be held at The Hendon Hall Hotel, Ashley Lane, London, NW4 on 28th April 1988 at 11.00am in the forenoon, for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
In accordance with Section 98(2) (b) a list of the names and addresses of the Company's Creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, at 100 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EH on the two business days proceeding the date of the Meeting, between the hours of 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.
Dated this 13th day of April 1988
J. Richards - Director

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF HEATSAVE ENERGY HOLDINGS LIMITED (FORMERLY HEATSAVE ENERGY CONSERVATION (UK) LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the creditors of the above-named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 29 April 1988, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and description, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors, (if any), to the undersigned Christopher Hughes, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2B 7DN, the Joint Liquidator of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
David Buchler - Christopher Hughes
Joint Liquidators
21 March 1988

PIPE-LINES ACT, 1962
APPLICATION FOR PIPE-LINE DIVERSION AUTHORISATION
We, British Pipeline Agency Limited, as Agents for and on behalf of United Kingdom Oil Pipelines Limited hereby give notice, in accordance with the Provisions of Part II of Schedule 1 to the Pipe-lines Act 1962, that an application has been made to the Secretary of State for Energy for the grant of an authorisation for the diversion of a section of the Thames-Mersey Pipeline System. The proposed pipeline diversion is in the form of a 12" diameter pipeline in the area of Waverley Wood Farm, Bubbenhall near Coventry. The total length of the diverted section is 1300 metres.
The pipeline will be owned and operated by the United Kingdom Oil Pipelines Limited. A copy of the map which accompanied the application, on which the route of the proposed diversion is delineated, can be inspected during normal office hours at:-
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Warwickshire CV32 5JD
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Dated this 15th day of April 1988
For and on behalf of
BRITISH PIPELINE AGENCY LIMITED
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THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
RULE 4.106 (1)
Circuit Systems Ltd
(In Creditors' Voluntary Liquidation)
Notice is hereby given that I, Mervyn Laurence Rose of Messrs. Elliot, Woolfe & Rose, Chartered Accountants, Lidgra House, 250 Kingsbury Road, London NW9 0BS was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company on 22nd March 1988.
MERVYN L. ROSE F.C.A. F.C.C.A.
LIQUIDATOR
22ND MARCH 1988

Notice of appointment of liquidator (Members/Creditors)
voluntary winding up
Pursuant to section 600 of the Companies Act 1985
Company number: 1940000. Name of company: Heatsave Energy Conservation (UK) Limited. Previous name of company: Heatsave Energy Conservation (UK) Limited. Address of registered office: 17/18 Dover Street, London, W1X 3PB. Liquidators name and address: 1. David Buchler 17/18 Dover Street, London W1X 3PB. 2. Christopher John Hughes, Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2B 7DN. Date of appointment: 21st March 1988. By whom appointed: Members and Creditors. Date: 21 March 1988
D. Buchler, C.J. Hughes
Joint Liquidators

Company No. 1495981
IN THE MATTER OF
THE RIBOT CO. LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named Company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 31st day of May 1988, to send in their full Christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of their Solicitors, if any, to the undersigned, R.W.J. Long and N. Montgomery of Allcombes, 50 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3A 2BJ, the joint liquidators of the said Company, and, if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidators, are, personally or by their Solicitors to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 12th day of April, 1988
R.W.J. LONG and N. MONTGOMERY
LIQUIDATOR

RULE 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986
THE RIBOT CO. LIMITED
IN LIQUIDATION
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Richard William James Long and Nigel William James Montgomery of Allcombes, 50 Leadenhall Street, London EC3A 2BJ, were appointed Joint Liquidators of the above named company by the Members on the 28th of March, 1988.
R.W.J. Long,
N.W.J. Montgomery,
Joint Liquidators.
Dated this 12th day of April 1988.

IN THE MATTER OF CENPINE LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 6th April 1988.
Dated this 14th day of April 1988
K.D. Goodman, Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co
Chartered Accountants
PO Box 553
30 Eastbourne Terrace
London W2 6LF

IN THE MATTER OF
YATEGROVE LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, KEITH DAVID GOODMAN, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner, of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace, London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the Secretary of State on 24th March 1988.
Dated this 14th day of April 1988
K.D. Goodman, Liquidator
Leonard Curtis & Co
Chartered Accountants
PO Box 553
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London W2 6LF

Linley & Partners Limited
(In Receivership)
Company Number : 762462
We, Neil Hunter Cooper and James Kenneth Rees Jones of 186 City Road, London, EC1V 2NU pursuant to Section 46 of the Insolvency Act 1986, hereby given notice that on 11th April 1988 we were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the whole of the property of the Company by National Westminster Bank PLC under the powers contained in a Debenture dated 9th October 1985.
N H Cooper and J K R Jones
Joint Administrative Receivers
Dated this 11th day of April 1988

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
007061 of 1987
IN THE MATTER OF
LEIGH INTERESTS PLC
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to the Order of His Lordship Mr. Justice Warner dated the 19th day of April 1988 that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 15th day of February 1988 confirming the cancellation of the share premium account of the above-named company was registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 2nd day of March 1988.
Dated this 19th day of April 1988
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According to one long cherished belief, the culture's obsession with elaborate building programmes led to its sudden decline in the ninth century AD, 600 years before the arrival of Spanish adventurers.

Rulers were over ambitious and eager to upstage neighbours in their attempts to build increasingly resplendent cities and this led to wars and an overburdened and undernourished society which ultimately fell apart.

Elliot Abrahams, an anthropologist, decided to test this theory by calculating the time and the labour needed to build one of the Copan cities' largest structures, a stone palace thought to have been home to Madrugada, one of the last and most powerful Mayan rulers.

Abrahams, an anthropologist at Ohio University, writing in American Antiquity, finds that the time and numbers of workers involved were not enough to overburden and ultimately destroy the ancient civilization.

His suggestion is that a booming population coupled with land mismanagement was the key to the Mayan demise.

"The Maya had too many people and no domestic animals and they were trying to raise corn on poor tropical soils. Their need for fuel and food exhausted the land", he says.

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THE ARTS

Sharp clarity

TELEVISION

When asked what was the most important fact in modern history, Bismark replied: "the fact that North America speaks English." The excellent opening programme in *An Ocean Apart*, BBC1's new series about the relationship between Britain and America, reminded us, however, that during the First World War the two countries were at times divided not just, as the saying goes, by their common language, but also by serious political differences. Woodrow Wilson was even moved to declare: "If the allies want war with us, we will not shrink from it".

Though a co-production with two American channels, the programme, which was presented by David Dimbleby with sharpness and clarity, owed more to the better traditions of British broadcasting than the somewhat glib approaches to history of much current American commercial television. There was no coffee-table-book wrapping of cosy waffle about the specialness of the special relationship.

Dimbleby opened by going straight to the heart of the matter: the moment in 1916 when the British Cabinet realized that the empire was economically dependent on, and therefore politically vulnerable to, the United States. Free from his role as television umpire to the muddled squabbles of politicians, he offered us something which is increasingly unfashionable in documentaries as well as politics – coherent argument.

Inevitably, there was distortion through omission, but an enormous amount of ground was covered, aided by a fascinating selections of clips of war and peace and some splended old interviewees. Most splendid of all was Lloyd George's private secretary, that remarkably vivacious 98 year old, A.J. Sylvester – even though there was no mention of his prowess as a champion touch-typist and ballroom dancer.

The science review programme, *Antenna* (BBC2) gave us another incredibly alert old-timer – the great scientist, Linus Pauling. Pauling revealed that his Nobel Prize-winning idea came when in bed with a cold. Perhaps it would not have arrived if he had been then practising his later controversial, but cold-preventing, preaching about the medicinal benefits of Vitamin C.

Andrew Hislop

Premature prize

CONCERT

LPO/Sanderling
Festival Hall

Since that biennial BBC game-show, the *Young Musician of the Year*, is imminent, it was timely to be reminded of the pressures and pitfalls which lie in store for talented young players who win (or indeed fail to win) such supposedly helpful competitions.

This reminder came at the Festival Hall on Tuesday night when Jane Atkins collected her reward for being the London Philharmonic/Pioneer Young Soloist of the Year: a concerto performance with the LPO.

Atkins is undoubtedly a most promising second-year viola student at the Guildhall School of Music, and she played Walton's Viola Concerto exactly as one would expect a second-year student to play it. There were signs of a secure technique, particularly in the quick middle movement, and one could detect a workable blueprint for a future interpretation.

However, nerves must have affected her intonation in the first movement, and her sound was rather small to establish any authority over orchestral playing that was not noticeably sympathetic in its restraint. Moreover, she has yet to develop the art of varying her tone colour.

So the prize of this high-profile concerto opportunity seemed disproportionate, to either her needs or her ability, at this stage in her education. But I hope she remembered to enjoy herself.

Kurt Sanderling was on the podium, supervising with his customary *gravitas* a solid performance of Weber's *Der Freischütz* overture, but labouring a little uninspiringly over Sibelius's Second Symphony. Phrasing in long, smooth spans is fine for the first two movements, where exposition is everything, but the finale needs far more drive and a greater sense of exultant revelation than Sanderling generated.

Still, he always produces a warm orchestral sound, and there was much characterful wind playing.

Richard Morrison

LONDON DEBUTS

It is not surprising that the American soprano **Roberta Prada** should have special sympathy for Hispanic song. She lived in Argentina for some time. Nevertheless her Purcell Room recital programme, in which she was accompanied by the ever sensitive Roger Vignoles, was remarkably wide ranging, beginning with a neat European mixture of Verdi, Strauss and Poulenc.

Later, Granados's *Canciones Amatorias* revealed simultaneously the best of her assets and the worst of her deficiencies, a voice full of colour but also patches of less than perfect tonal control. There could be no argument about her performances of north American songs, however. In Ives's "The Circus Band," "Down East," and "The Side Show," she won her audience over with an artful combination of sentimentality and razzmatazz.

The flautist **Ileanea Ruhemann**, with the pianist Julius Drake, gave a Wigmore Hall programme which seemed to favour virtuosity by beginning (rather than ending) with Georges Hüe's *Fantaisie*, an utterly typical Paris Conservatoire competition piece, and these performers' own arrangements of a fantasy by Genin on themes from *Rigoletto*. Ruhemann is a marvellous player, blessed with facility and a pleasingly concentrated tone, and she followed these works with substantial music – Martinů's expansive First Sonata's and Prokofiev's D major Sonata and a new work by Julian Jacobson, *Vers la Valse*.

The Pembridge Ensemble's Purcell Room programme was far more solid. This versatile group, consisting of piano (Timothy Carey), flute (Clare Southworth), oboe (Christopher O'Neal) and string trio (Lesley Hatfield, Rosemary Sanderson, and Nicholas Roberts), crowned their evening with an impressive reading of Brahms's G-minor piano Quartet, Op 25, having before ventured Copland's eloquent Threnodies I and II (1971 and 1973), and Oliver Knussen's Cantata for oboe and string trio of 1977.

There was also Martinů's Quartet for oboe, violin, cello and piano, perhaps not music that makes the imagination soar, but full of integrity and inventive skill.

Straight away one has to say that the playing in the cello recital given by **Felix Schmidt** and **Annette Cole** at the Wigmore Hall was also of the highest quality. Schmidt's natural manner, in serious music at any rate, is intense rather than extrovert, an attitude shared by Cole, which lent welcome weight to Beethoven's Variations on Mozart's "Bie Mannern, welche Liebe fuhlen".

And, more to the point, to a marvellously compelling account of Shostakovich's Cello Sonata. Schubert's Arpeggione Sonata was equally impressive, an exquisite balance of the lyrical and the virtuosic. But once again the programme contained a little too much that was musically lightweight and technically flashy.

Stephen Pettitt

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CINEMA

Cobra Verde (PG)
Renoir; Gate Notting Hill

A Flame in My Heart (18)
Cannon Piccadilly

Flowers in the Attic (15)
Cannons Haymarket, Tottenham Court Road

The Pied Piper/ The Extinct World of Gloves (15)
Everyman

Nearly 70 years ago Will Rogers inserted a title in one of his silent films: "If you think this picture's no good, I'll put on a beard and say it's German. Then you'll call it art". Something of the sort has happened to Werner Herzog's **Cobra Verde**.

Shot in Ghana and Colombia, with the actors speaking assorted languages, it made its first appearance, during the Berlin Festival, with dubbed English dialogue. For British release, however, it has been dubbed into German and given sub-titles.

It is a cunning move. The English dialogue was laughably awful. Foreign speech at least offers less distraction from the pictures, which are the best part of the film.

Loosely derived from *The Viceroy of Ouidah* by Bruce Chatwin (another of whose novels, *On the Black Hill*, also appears in a film adaptation in a couple of weeks) it tells the story of a 19th century adventurer called Manoel Da Silva. Only those familiar with the book are likely to understand that the telegraphic montage at the start of the film is intended to tell us about Da Silva's past, as a Brazilian peasant who turned bandit after his cattle were destroyed by drought.

Herzog takes up his adventures as he goes to work for a sugar planter in Bahia. When he impregnates his employer's mulatto daughters, the local landowner oligarchy despatch him to Dahomey, on what they intend as a suicide mission, to revive the slave trade. Tough and resourceful, Da Silva succeeds in the attempt, and in time overthrows the crazy king of Dahomey with the aid of an even crazier usurper, who appoints him viceroy.

His triumph is short-lived. The slave trade is abolished and he is betrayed both by his employers and the new king. He is last glimpsed being swept out to sea, having exhausted himself with efforts to launch an escape boat.

The story touches on the obsessive themes of Herzog's early exotic expeditions, in *Aguirre, Where the Green Ants Dream* and *Fitzcarraldo*: the nature of colonialism, and the impact of a rapacious, exploitative "civilization" on primitive cultures.

Here, though, the theme seems to be repeated mechanically, leaving us more than usually aware of Herzog himself as the colonialist, exploiting the grandiose scenery and dirt-cheap local labour. The spectacular scenes of hundreds of bare-breasted young Amazons, or of a procession of pitifully deformed and crippled people, are indulgence.

There is a striking scene of an endless line of men with flags relaying semaphore messages to the horizon; but a moment's reflection shows that the image makes no sense whatever, except as gratuitous spectacle.

The actual narrative is perfunctory and finally pointless. At its centre, Klaus Kinsky gives one of his looniest performances, strutting about with hay-stook hair, staring eyes and a permanent sneer that supposedly quells all comers. He is very much outclassed by the African players, notably the two mad kings and a flirty maiden, who sings a jolly song as finale to the drama.

Sharing the white man's burden: Klaus Kinski and plantation slaves, from *Cobra Verde*

Alain Tanner acknowledges that **Une Flamme dans mon coeur** was the outcome of a two-hour conversation with the actress Myriam Mézières and two days' writing; and – fine a director though he is – it looks as if that was the way it was made. It exemplifies, moreover, all the dangers that might be feared when actors – in whom one tends to suspect both exhibitionism and insecurity – are given their heads as scenarists.

Ordinarily we expect characters in films and books to be more interesting than people in real life. In this case they seem rather less interesting.

Mercedes (Mézières) is an actress with *louche* lips and a discontented look, in whose life work and sex compete for priority. She is trying to break with her possessive and persistent Arab boy-friend, and picks up a journalist on the Métro as replacement. The affair promises well, but the journalist's absences on foreign assignments heighten Mercedes's growing neurosis, threatening her work and her sex life alike.

Neither the dialogue nor the performances offer any very convincing insights into her problems. Sexuality is finally the *raison d'être* of the film, which includes four copulation scenes (one in the bathtub) and a prolonged sequence of masturbation. Mézières says in an interview that she wanted to show something different on the screen: "... between those love scenes done with good taste and those done with the cold naturalism you find in porno movies ... Love scenes done with joy – and by that I don't mean exhibitionism".

Pace the lady, there is a good deal of exhibitionism in her role; and even given Tanner's elegant shooting, violin accompaniments from Bach (Partita No 2, Sonata No 1) and Mézières's evident satisfaction, sex on the screen is, when all is done, just sex on the screen.

Flowers in the Attic is adapted from a horror best-seller by V.C. Andrews (Ms.) about an incorrigibly incestuous family dominated by very nasty matriarchs. The family looks at first sight as pure as toothpaste commercials, but it turns out that Father, who is Mother's Uncle, has a too close relationship with his daughter who, in any event, sleeps in her brother's bed.

Before you have time to work all that out, however, Father has mysteriously died and Mother (Victoria Tennant) has taken her brood to live with her estranged parents, in an eerie stately home. Bible-thumping granny (Louise Fletcher) locks the children in their bedroom, and the plot thickens as someone takes to sprinkling arsenic on the kiddies' cookies from a silver sugar sifter.

With two-dimensional characters and performances to match, this farrago of foolishness was written as well as directed by Jeffrey Bloom.

The Everyman opens a festival of animation with a programme of two films by the Czech puppet animator Jiří Barta. While contemporary Czech feature films are blandly evasive, a tougher strain has surfaced in the animation studios, with the surrealist visions of Jan Svankmajer and Barta.

The Pied Piper is a grim retelling of the old story, set in a medieval society of irredeemable moral corruption. The rats are real; the characters and settings are carved out of walnut, in a style that combines ecclesiastical gothic with German Expressionist cinema.

In Barta's **The Extinct World of Gloves**, a workman of some future time excavates a buried hoard of old films and gloves. The gloves come to life and act out a history of the 20th century through its movies. It is weird and imaginative, with a vivid impression of our urban chaos recreated out of old crates, television sets, tin cans and assorted garbage.

David Robinson

Equally anthem and epitaph

THEATRE

Journey's End
Whitehall Theatre

R.C. Sherriff's masterpiece of the 1918 trenches belongs among a small group of plays that are revisited rather than revived. An endless soap opera could be developed from the lives of Captain Stanhope and his brother officers in the St Quentin dug-out; except that Sherriff packed it all into two and a half hours.

In retrospect, *Journey's End* falls into place as a theatrical equivalent of Sassoon's poems; simultaneously an anthem for doomed youth and an unforgiving epitaph for the top brass. But whenever it returns to the stage it opens up a wealth of living detail that cannot be boiled down to any single argument. In particular, it resists any easy sneers against the public school ethic and the English trick of understatement.

Here is "Uncle" Osborne puffing away on his briar and reading *Alice in Wonderland*, or Trotter banging on about the hollyhocks in his suburban garden, while a few yards away there lies a wilderness of mud, with corpses abandoned to the rats. That kind of dialogue may have lapsed into cliché later on, but in Sherriff's hands it is the vital means by which his characters hang on to their humanity and stop themselves from going mad.

One passage I had forgotten raises the question of the varying effects of extreme situations on the imagination. For Trotter, an ex-ranker, it is possible to shut out the horrors by concentrating on food and companionship. Paradoxically, it is Stanhope, who has undergone the imagination-stifling disciplines of the public school, who starts seeing through walls to the earth beyond, and through people as if they were already dead.

"Uncle" Osborne with his 18-year-old company commander: Nicky Henson (left) and Jason Connery

Justin Greene's production (reaching the Whitehall from the Nuffield, Southampton), is precisely on Sherriff's wavelength: that is to say, it is entirely free from portentous hints of the carnage to come, and concentrates in minutely scrupulous detail on the personal relationships in the dugout, during the false calm before the attack that brings it down, wiping out all the occupants.

There is obsessive attention to food and drink, served up by Peter Waddington's Mason, who scurries round the burrow with inedible cutlets and onion-flavoured tea, like a Beatrix Potter field-mouse. Alan Gill, in the tiny opening role of the outgoing dugout commander, builds a beautifully rounded study of a gentlemanly soldier who pushes the idea of the war as a round of golf a bit too far. He also gives Nicky Henson the chance to show Osborne's stiffly regimental side before allowing him to relax into the cosy old schoolmaster.

The role is a notable extension to this aggressively extrovert actor's range. I have never seen him do anything as delicate as the burst of small-talk he springs on young Raleigh (Andrew Castell) in the five minutes before their suicidal raid.

Jason Connery's Stanhope also looks like an 18-year-old; but any doubts of his authority are dispelled during his first moments on stage, where he turns a blade-like profile and rejects his former friend. Connery conveys the full emotional spectrum with an absolute minimum of means. He expresses disdain, fury, and internal chaos with barely a change of expression.

Irving Wardle

Winter Darkness
New End Theatre

When Mick Ford walks from the stage, at the end of Allan Cubitt's bitterly powerful play, he leaves behind him on the floor an opened book. But it is no ordinary book, for the pages have been hollowed out to conceal a gun.

It is an image central to the drama, because the character Ford plays, with a quality of conviction exceptional even for him, is James Shannon, a Belfast poet, particular and passionate for words; and words are what have been eviscerated from the book by his former girlfriend.

Shannon rejects the gun. He has been taken to the edge of madness and death in an interrogation centre but will not empty himself of language.

The play is mostly set in 1971 and Shannon is presented as one of the suspects held by the army and subjected to what the Compton Committee the following year was disposed to call "physical ill treatment".

First seen breaking off from some literary hack work to make love to his girl (Julie McDonald), the rest of the act obliges us to watch such simulated horrors as hooding, the wall posture and noise torture inflicted upon him by the usual unlovely soldiery.

Several members of the audience fled. I hated every moment of it. The only consolation was provided by the knowledge that the victim survives, since the scenes of his torment are interspersed with appearances reading his poems at a festival five years later. Ford's tough, intelligent, searching face suits the quality of the poems exactly.

A dramatic weakness is the failure to reveal the reason for his interrogation, until the second half, when the Coverton *(sic)* Committee arrives. The scenes between the wily old colonial hand (James Greene) and two of the soldiers (Ian Bartholomew, Timothy Morand) are not free of psychological glibness, but they show that if poets can make words dance, politicians can turn them into weasels.

Set against three metallic sheets, like a modern production of Greek tragedy, Susan Hogg's direction relentlessly turns the screws. Against my expectation during the darker moments of the first half, Cubitt's play (the second of Bristol Express Theatre's London season) purges with pity and terror, to come honourably close to that tragic level where pain is universalized through poetry.

Jeremy Kingston

Dance of death

DANCE

Jean-François Duroure
French Institute

To end the short season of French dance in London, Jean-François Duroure brought *La Anqa* to the French Institute. Until recently he was an associate of Mathilde Monnier, who appeared last week.

Only at the end does it become clear that the cool, self possessed young woman (Elena Majnoni) is a wire walker or trapezist getting ready for her act, and that the young man (Duroure) who has so familiar but unerotic a relationship with her is her partner.

But what of the older man who intrudes into the room where she is quietly preparing, is fascinated by her and tries to win her interest? As played by Pierre-Maurice Nouvelle, he is a clumsy bizarre fellow, in white shorts and a dinner jacket.

For all his gaucheness, this is someone accustomed to command: the music stops or starts at his gestures. The wings he acquires towards the end, which he tries to fasten also on the woman, give the clue: This is Death, who can never be far from her work, watching eagerly for his moment.

But this is far from the usual infallible, implacable stage impersonation of death. He is awkward, trying to fit into this woman's world, where he knows he does not belong.

You feel sorry for his repeated discomfiture, most vividly shown in a duet where first his touch on her knee, elbow, shoulder or hand is enough to make her dance; but by the end her reaction is angry, pulling away and opposing his lead.

Christophe Sechet's circus-like popular music and "noises off" are neatly supportive; the presentation, as generally in this series, proficient in every respect.

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BOOKS

Lad of gloss and lyric

Peter Ackroyd on the art of the scholar poet

COLLECTED POEMS AND SELECTED PROSE OF A.E. HOUSMAN
Edited by Christopher Ricks
Allen Lane £18.95

GLYNN BOYD HARTE

How unpleasant to meet A.E. Housman — taciturn, precise, morose, sometimes even horrid. In conversation he was generally difficult, in scholastic dispute often malevolent. But if the poet who lamented the unhappy destinies of soldiers and various lads" was also a professor noted for his "frigidity", it is nevertheless difficult not to like him. For he possessed a sense of humour, a gift as rare in academics as it is in poets, and as a result it is impossible to say how much a deliberate pose this "glacial" manner might have been. In any case, what does it matter?

His was a great career, however, a model of single-minded labour as well as bloody-minded persistence in what he described as "the mere act of living on and continuing to be the same". A dead mother and a drunken father tested his resolve in life, and from that time it never faltered; he failed his degree at Oxford, but then spent 10 years acquiring a reputation as a classical scholar while working as a clerk in the Patent Office. In 1892, at the age of 33, he became Professor of Latin at University College London; 11 years later he took up a similar if grander position at Cambridge.

Yet his great work had already been achieved: over a few months in 1895, in circumstances of ill-health and depression, the prey to forces he could neither understand nor control, he wrote most of the poems which were later published as *A Shropshire Lad*. Few poets have acquired immortality with so slim a volume, although he might have hoped that posterity would at least spare a glance for his much bulkier works of textual criticism.

Christopher Ricks does indeed praise his scholarship, and in this excellent anthology has wisely chosen to include many passages from Housman's classical editions and papers. But reverence for this part of his work can be taken too far: of course there is a place for scholarship, but scholarship must also be put in its place, and it is hard to avoid the conclusion that it trains one aspect of the mind at the expense of most others. It is easy to admire those, like Housman, with an austere outlook and minatory temper; but they are often little men (or women) hiding within their donnish habits. Pedantry can in this sense be a vehicle for thwarted or irresolute emotions — certainly Housman's frustration and aggression are everywhere apparent in his academic work, and it becomes increasingly clear that his "scholarship" was the closet in which he chose to hide himself.

But this in turn leads to one of the most interesting facts about him — he knew exactly what kind of person he truly was, and what kind of person he had chosen to become. His humour itself sprang from an understanding of the forces that had come to fashion his granite-like unshakeability. And he knew, too, what it was to be a poet — his late lecture, "The Name and Nature of Poetry", contains the single most powerful investigation of the sources of lyric poetry.

Housman's own poetry does not always meet his own criteria of greatness. There are occasions when, with its combination of formal precision and morbid sentiment, it remains too much a symptom of its period. But there are also some very beautiful poems in this, and a later, collection — poems containing lines which seem to have been impelled into the light by some half-conscious pressure before being marshalled into shape, the extremes of intuition and compression creating significant poetry. It is said that Housman was divided against himself, but this condition is at the very root of his creativity; he was both wounded and afraid, blasphemer and censor, rebel and tyrant.

Naturally this raises the question of his homosexuality. *A Shropshire Lad* was published soon after Oscar Wilde's ignominy (it is pleasant to recall that he sent Wilde a copy), and there is no doubt that Housman's native caution was intensified by the subsequent climate of persecution or disapproval. But perhaps this did him good, since it removed his poetry from the turbid sphere of avowal and afforded it a resonance that it might overwise have lacked.

Certainly this is the moral he continually emphasizes in his own prose. Christopher Ricks has made a good selection of it here — not only good but necessary, since Housman is at least as great a prose-writer as he was a poet. There is even a sense in which he was greater in his prose, since that capacious medium can encompass more of his unyielding, bewildered consciousness. He was a brilliant polemicist, whose ill-humour and impatience became charged with something very much like genius; those with a taste for literary homicide should read his strictures upon other scholars.

And yet by the close of this anthology, after the astringency and the lamentation, after the bitterness and the thwarted passion, it is the strangeness and the horror of the world which he seems most acutely to convey. Housman's poetry is filled with a piercing sense of loss — for brief periods he gave voice to it, and then he covered it up with his elaborate late Victorian demeanour and his no less elaborate marginalia. In the end we can best say of him what he said of a colleague, when he paid homage to "the singularity of his essential being, his utter unlikeness to any other creature in the world".

Mystery play or morality

FICTION

Philip Howard

WHO KILLED PALOMINO MOLERO?
By Mario Vargas Llosa
Translated by Alfred MacAdam
Faber, £9.95

AFTER THE WAR
By Frederic Raphael
Collins, £11.95

THE FIFTH CHILD
By Doris Lessing
Cape, £9.95

After the epic historical sweep of *The War of the End of the World*, Mario Vargas Llosa has turned to a different genre: the detective story. It is like Simenon (though a world away in geography) in that you are pretty sure who did it from the beginning. Lieutenant Silver is as rumpled and fallible as Maigret, and lusts overwhelmingly for a Peeping-Tom plump woman married to someone else. The mystery is in the unravelling of human behaviour so that you can see that this is just how it would happen, even in so foreign a world.

The scene is the northern boondocks of Peru in the Fifties. Palimino Molero, a half-breed *cholo* and enlisted man in the Air Force is found castrated and impaled. The Lieutenant and his diffident Watson, Officer Lituma, investigate the horror, though everybody in town knows that if they find out anything too embarrassing, the Big Guys will stop them. An hour's walk from the heat and dust is the Air Force base, run by an irascible "white" Colonel, where the writ of the Guardia Civil does not run. The policemen pursue the trail where it predictably leads them.

As the unravelling of a horrid mystery in an exotic society it is exciting. But it is also, of course, a serious literary novel about class and racial conflict, love and evil, and the chief wonder of the world, the crooked ways of the human heart. The translation does not always ring true, even in AmerEnglish: someone has a good snooze; the women are scared away from chorus rehearsals in church. But that confusion apart, this is a straightforward, compelling, and topical morality.

Freddie Raphael's latest is a long intellectual soap about Jewishness and the English, and the glitzy prizes. It starts in a prep school during the war, and continues down to the Six Day War, collecting a large cast of beautiful, or at any rate clever, people around the hero and part-time narrator, who is a serious playwright, director, and wimp.

They make films, act in musicals, write bitchy journalism and dire lyrics, paint, and play musical chairs at fornication. But what they do most is talk. The pitter-patter of epigrams (some quite good) and oxymorons rattles like precious hail. Even in ecstasy or tragedy they quote from T.S. Eliot, or a reference to the Athenian attack on Epipoli springs instantly to the lips. I do not believe anybody keeps up such relentlessly bright conversation. If he did he would be a monster. The plot is disjointed, moving from de-Nazification after the war to a Greek island, Israel, and an exciting late interlude about dirty work in a newly independent West African state. And of course, repeated first nights and awful country weekends. Sentimental journeys end in lovers' meetings. It is clever and funny, but leaves a "So what?"

Doris Lessing's new book is a chilling little parable about parturition and punishment. Harriet and David are an old-fashioned, philoprogenitive couple, Earth Mother and Robinson Crusoe, who opt out of the selfish Sixties and the Pill for home-made chutney, breast feeding, and extended family life in a rambling provincial house. Nemesis strikes them with their fifth child, Ben, who turns out to be an alien throwback, an angry, hostile little troll, who destroys their idyll. Torn apart by guilt and love and the hostility of society to a woman who has given birth to a freak, Harriet seriously wonders whether Ben may not be a creature from another world or a Neanderthal past. As usual, Lessing is interesting, compulsively readable, and politically spot-on about the alienated drop-outs and *Untermenschen* of our inner cities.

In a rich week for fiction it is a crying shame that there is room only to salute **Scandal**, by Shusaku Endo, translated by Van C. Gessel *(Peter Owen, £11.95)*, a Jekyll-and-Hyde psychodrama about a famous Japanese novelist who is haunted by a disreputable *Doppelgänger* or a subconscious secret life. Also, **The Shadow Bride**, by Roy Heath *(Collins £11.50)* an angry and funny saga of the past 50 years in Guyana, which manages both to be fascinating about the extraordinary East Indian tribe on the sugar plantations there, and also eye-opening about universal human nature in its perversities and heroism.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

Dorothy Parker, What Fresh Hell is This?, by Marion Meade (Heinemann, £12.95) Literary, gossipy biography of the sad, witty lady who could never attain: envy, content, or sufficient champagne.

Galileo Heretic, by Pietro Redondi, translated by Raymond Rosenthal (Allen Lane, The Penguin Press, £17.95) New evidence that the Jesuits plotted Galileo's downfall for heresy about the Eucharist because of his naturalistic philosophy, rather than Copernican *Eppur si muove*.

God & Two Poets, Arthur Hugh Clough & Gerard Manley Hopkins, by Anthony Kenny (Sidgwick & Jackson, £16.95) Philosopher's approach to two great Victorian Balliol men with different roads to poetry and God.

The Care of the Self, by Michel Foucault (Allen Lane, The Penguin Press, £17.95) Vol. 3 of the important History of Western Sexuality.

The Journals of Gilbert White, 1774-1783, edited by Francesca Greenoak (Century, £40) Seminal Selborne jottings from the parson.

Venetian Narrative Painting in the Age of Carpaccio, by Patricia Fortini Brown (Yale, £35) Sumptuous pictures, controversial text.

Mum's the word

NOVEL OF THE WEEK

Victoria Glendinning

THE WOMAN WHO WAS GOD
By Francis King
Hutchinson, £10.95

The mystery here appears to be of a familiar kind. Ruth St John cannot accept that her adored only son has been drowned in a diving accident. He was living at the time *in an island community off the* coast of a west African country. The more Ruth learns about the community, which is ruled by a powerful woman known as "Mother", the less she likes it. She believes her son was *murdered*.

She pesters the British Council, the Foreign Office, her ex-husband and anyone else who will listen, desperate to get the tragedy *investigated. She is fobbed off at* every turn. Ruth is obstinate and obsessional, but we sympathize with her; she is a lone woman, grieving for her lost son, fighting bureaucracy, indifference, and maybe something much worse. *Who knows what evil is being done* to innocent young people by this dreadful "Mother"?

Ruth sells up everything she has to go to Africa and find out for herself. The rest of this creepy novel is about her long and frightening journey, and what she finds when she gets to the island. There is a lot of writer's-notebook African travelogue, building up Ruth's feelings of unease, alienation and mounting fear. "Strange, terrible things were happening here." On the island, she realizes Mother and her cronies intend to kill her.

The suspense seems contrived. Francis King misleads the reader so well that he risks wearying us with florid intimations of horror before we realize that although *Mother is the villain of the piece, it* is not the mysterious deity on the *island but Ruth herself. The book* is about hysteria, paranoid obsession, and possessive, destructive mother-love.

The clues were all there. Ruth has "a novelist's imagination", and imagines what happened to her son "as a novelist might imagine it". From the point of view of the writing, these are the best bits; her quest apart, genteel Ruth is not very interesting. "Imagination *becomes knowledge for her*, and knowledge becomes power."

Francis King's analysis of paranoia is acute, in that Ruth isn't invariably deluded; her son, she *believed, could not have died in a* diving accident because he could not swim and never went near the water. In this she is correct. There is a mystery behind the mystery. The community itself, too, is pretty rum, in a benign way. The inmates *are indeed in thrall to "Mother"* — because they like it that way. The seductiveness of paranoid obsession is that there is often a grain of truth in it all.

***But we need to know more about* the boy, who seems to have been as paranoid and as obsessional as his mum. What happened to him can't all be blamed on her. Things are not quite what they seem. This is a punitive, clever, awkward novel, *which does not quite come to grips* with its own cruelty. There seems to be a submerged discussion about the godlike "novelist's imagination" as a dangerous psy*chic weapon. Perhaps Francis* King suspects that's what it is.**

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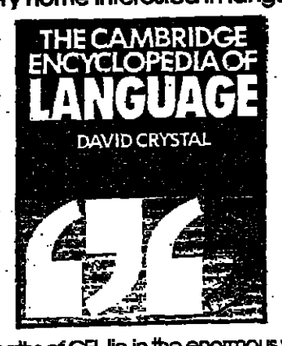

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History verse and verse

Peter Jones

THE FABER BOOK OF ENGLISH HISTORY IN VERSE

Edited by Kenneth Baker
Faber, £12.95

The Secretary of State for Education has seen a way in which he can select poems to give a "true sense of the narrative flow of English history". Whatever that means, the result is a collection of verse in chronological order from "AD 68 Boadicea" (*sic*) to 1953, with interlinking historical notes generating what I take to be Mr Baker's "narrative flow". There is some perfectly jolly verse amongst the 350 pieces on offer. But there are problems constructing an historical anthology out of verse, and the first poem (with note) establishes all too clearly the level of ratiocination Mr Baker has seen fit to apply. The subject is "Boadicea", the poet William Cowper: she hears from a Druid that Britain will be the empire-builder of the future, hurls the prophecy at the Roman invader, and dies in battle. The note begins "Caesar came, saw and conquered in 55BC and the Romans controlled Britain for the next 465 years."

The facts: She is *Boudicca*. She died in *61*. Caesar did *not* come, see and conquer Britain, but Pharnaces at Zela in Asia Minor, 47BC. He did *not* conquer Britain in 55, or on his return in 54 (Aulus Plautius brought Britain into the empire in AD 43-7). The Romans never "controlled Britain" (only parts of it).

The comment: What was Caesar doing in Britain? What conceivable interest could Rome have in us? Why the rebellion? On these, nothing.

In other words, Mr Baker has not submitted his verses to any prior evaluation of their worth as evidence, as if all a poem has to do is mention Boudicca or Mary Tudor to assume automatic warranty for inclusion. One cannot expect much by way of historical judgment from a man who comments on Tennyson's "Godiva": "There are so many sources for this legend that we may assume something like it happened." This may be acceptable for politicians, but not for historians.

Consequently, though this anthology improves with Victoria, when poems about "the people" sharply increase, the rest is little more than a pious plod past the powerful with their boring bills and battles, and since the comment is so pedestrian, the reader is left groping for any purchase, historical or literary, on the enterprise.

Pop Action Man

Jonathan Meades

RICHARD BRANSON
The Inside Story
By Mike Brown
Michael Joseph, £12.95

Despite being wrought in the nerveless prose of best-sellerdom, Mr Brown's portrait of the ubiquitous, grinning, umshy entrepreneur and adventurer is acute enough, and it stays a long way this side of idolatry. Mr Brown compensates for his stylistic bereavements with stealth and a flair for the non-attributable knee-capping.

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During the period that I edited *Event*, his short-lived weekly magazine, I had a weekly meeting with Richard Branson, an ideal proprietor in that he expressed no interest in the magazine's contents, but an infuriating and recklessly miserly one in such matters as the film critic's expense account.

He does not so much break rules as tend not to know they exist. His antinomian posture, like much else about him, is unselfconscious. Mr Brown implies all this, though whether it will actually strike those unacquainted with his subject is moot. He is further rather reticent about spelling out the exclusive nature of Virgin's hierarchy, a laughably primitive tribe.

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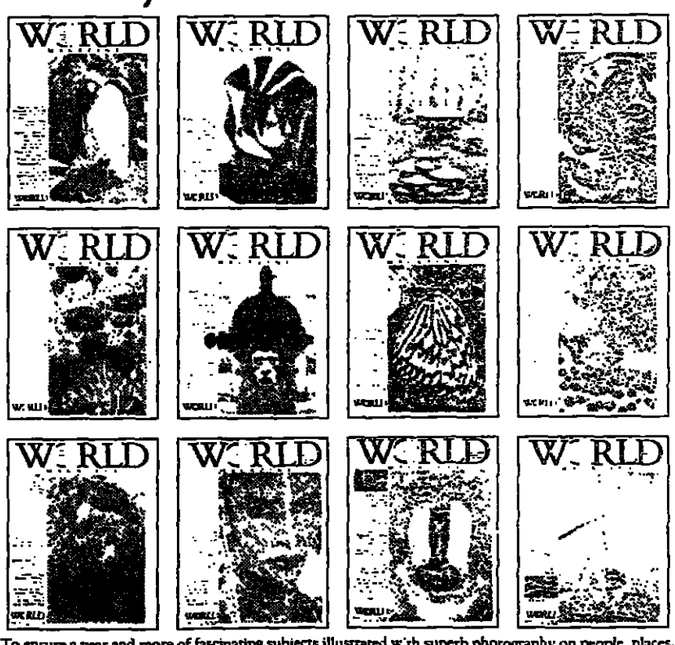

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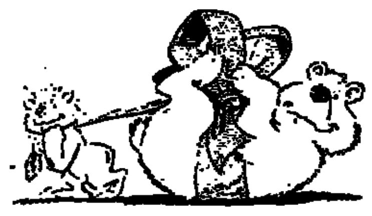

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BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
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FILMS

■ Also on national release
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BABETTE'S FEAST (U): One of Karen Blixen's lighter tales, immaculately transferred to the screen by a fellow Dane, Gabriel Axel. With Stéphane Audran as a famous Parisian chef who tests her skills on an austere religious community (105 min).
Chelsea (01-351 3742). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 2.10, 4.20, 6.35, 8.50.

BARFLY (18): Charles Bukowski wrote the script for this humorous, semi-autobiographical look at life in a seedy Los Angeles bar. With Mickey Rourke as a self-styled poet of the bottle, and Faye Dunaway as his equally alcoholic companion. A first American film from the Swiss-French director Barbet Schroeder (99 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.35, 6.10, 8.50.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.20, 8.40.
Cannon Premiere (01-439 4470). Progs 1.40, 3.45, 5.50, 8.05, 10.10.

BROADCAST NEWS (15): Slick drama about network TV journalism from James L Brooks (*Terms of Endearment*): with William Hurt, Albert Brooks, Holly Hunter as the trio caught in a jumble of professional and romantic problems (132 min).
⩦ **Odeon Haymarket** (01-839 7697). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.10.
⩦ **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (01-722 5905). Progs 2.00, 5.00, 8.15.

■ **DRAGNET (PG):** Lavish attempt to parody the Fifties TV police series, with Dan Aykroyd and Tom Hanks. Directed by Tom Mankiewicz (106 min).
⩦ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 12.15, 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30.

■ **FULL METAL JACKET (18):** Stanley Kubrick's meticulously filmed Vietnam drama, following Matthew Modine and other recruits from basic training to combat. Kubrick's clinical eye for human behaviour is still unbeatable (115 min).
⩦ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). Progs 1.05, 3.35, 6.05, 8.35.

■ **MAURICE (15):** Set before the First World War, E M Forster's novel about Oxbridge gaiety, with James Wilby as the suffering Maurice and Rupert Graves as the gamekeeper with whom he falls in love (140 min).
Cannon Piccadilly (01-437 3561). Progs 2.00, 4.55, 7.50.

THREE MEN AND A BABY (PG): Brash Hollywood remake of a flimsy French success. Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg play confirmed bachelors suddenly thrust into the problems of babycare. Leonard Nimoy directs. (103 min).
⩦ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111). Progs 12.45, 3.15, 6.00, 8.45.

THE UNBEARABLE LIGHTNESS OF BEING (18): Philip Kaufman's massive and majestic adaptation of Milan Kundera's novel; a story of love and political consciousness set against the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia. With Daniel Day-Lewis, Juliette Binoche, Lena Olin (105 min).
⩦ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-240 7200). Progs 1.00, 4.30, 8.00.
⩦ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 1.25, 5.00, 8.35.

WORD-WATCHING
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FROTTAGE
(a) Taking an impression from a raised or textured surface by covering it with paper, and rubbing with soft drawing material such as charcoal: favoured by the Surrealists, expecially Max Ernst.
CARO
(c) Anthony Caro (b. 1924) a leading English sculptor of the generation after Henry Moore; he goes in for formal abstracts in painted and welded sheets of metal.
ORPIMENT
(a) The ancient, arsenic-based yellow pigment used widely in Oriental art.
CRESPI
(b) Giovanni Battista Crespi, "Il Cerano" (c.1557-1633), painter, sculptor, and architect of the Lombard School; head of the Milanese Academy from 1620; Guercino was his pupil.

THEATRE

LONDON

★ **BACK WITH A VENGEANCE:** Dame Edna Everage back again joshing the possums.
Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 7.30-10.30pm, Sat 8-11pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.30pm. £6.50-£17.50. (D)

☆ **BLOODY POETRY:** Nigel Terry plays Byron and Mark Rylance is Shelley in start of a Howard Brenton season.
Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, London SW3 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Sat 4-6.30pm, £4-£12.

☆ **DOCTOR FAUSTUS:** Stephen Jenn plots to capture Peter Guiness's soul in Marlowe's version of the legend.
Young Vic Theatre, 66 The Cut SE1 (01-928 6363). Previews from tonight. Tues-Thurs 7.30pm, mats Wed, Thurs and Fri 2pm. Opens April 29, 7pm. Then As Before, £7.50.

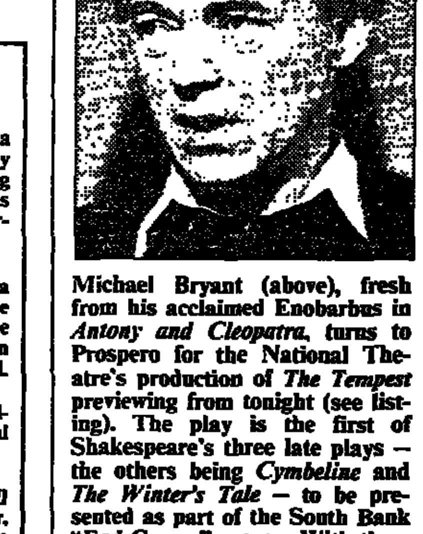
☆ **EASY VIRTUE:** Attractive revival with Jane How scandalizing her teenage husband's frightful county folks.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Road WC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Square. Opens tonight 7-9.15pm, then Mon-Fri 8.10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mats Tues 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm, £7.50-£12.50.

★ **THE MERCHANT OF VENICE:** Unforgettable Shylock by Anthony Sher in Bill Alexander's acclaimed production.
Barbican Theatre, Barbican Centre EC2 (01-638 8891). Tube: Moorgate/Barbican/St Paul's. Previews from tonight 7.30-10.30pm, mats Sat 2-5pm. Opens April 26, 7.10pm, then in rep. £5-£13.

☆ **SORE THROATS:** Rough stuff and rough stuffing in the second of Howard Brenton's "Three Plays for Eutopia".
Theatre Upstairs, Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square SW1 (01-730 1745). Tube: Sloane Square. Previews tonight, tomorrow and Sat 7.30pm. Opens Mon 7.30pm, then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £4-£6.

★ **THE TEMPEST:** See caption.
National Theatre (Cottesloe), South Bank SE1 (01-928 2252). Tube: Waterloo. Previews tonight, Fri and Sat, May 3, 4, 14, 7.30-9.45pm. Opens May 19, 7-9.15pm. Then in rep. £7.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036)... ☆ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951)... ★ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre (01-836 8108/9/0)... ☆ **Kiss Me Kate:** Savoy Theatre (01-836 8888)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171)... ☆ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)... ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).



Michael Bryant (above), fresh from his acclaimed Enobarbus in *Antony and Cleopatra*, turns to Prospero for the National Theatre's production of *The Tempest* previewing from tonight (see listing). The play is the first of Shakespeare's three late plays — the others being *Cymbeline* and *The Winter's Tale* — to be presented as part of the South Bank "End Games" season. With them Peter Hall, like Prospero, ends his revels; these are his last productions at the National as its director.

Handel's charity concerts

Where better to stage the London Handel Festival than in the composer's own parish church — St George's, Hanover Square? Sir Charles Mackerras conducts the London Handel Choir and Orchestra tomorrow in the first concert, which includes Handel's *Laudate Pueri Dominium*, Greene's Ode to Music and the première of Denys Darlow's *Te Deum*. This occasion also marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the Royal Society of Musicians, believed to be the oldest musical charity. Handel himself (left) was a founder member, and regularly gave concerts for its benefit. On his death in 1759 he left it £1,000. The history of the society is illustrated in an exhibition in the upper foyer of the Festival Hall until May 8. The London Handel Festival includes four other concerts, three of them at St George's and one, on April 26, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall. This is devoted to Handel's oratorio *Theodora*, composed when he was 65. Notable events at St George's include his dramatic cantata *Apollo e Dafne* on April 23 and *Joseph and His Brethren*, another oratorio, on April 30. St George's, Hanover Square, London W1 (01-828 6913), April 21, 23, 28, 30, 7/7.30pm, £4-£11. *Max Harrison*

Sir Charles Mackerras: to conduct the London Handel Choir

OUT OF TOWN

BASILDON: ☆ **As You Like It:** British Actors Theatre Company with Kate O'Mara and Graham Puntney open the new £6½ million theatre.
New Towngate Theatre, Pagel Mead (0268 532632), Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Thurs 2.30pm, £6-£8.50.

LEEDS: ☆ **Jane Eyre:** Wendy Nottingham and David Gwillim in intriguing new adaptation by Fay Weldon.
Playhouse, Calverly Street (0532 442111). Mon & Tues 8pm, Wed-Sat 7.30pm, £4.50-£6.

NORTHAMPTON: ☆ **The Murder Factory of John George Haigh:** World premiere of John Peacock play about the acid bath murders of 1951.
Royal Theatre, Guildhall Street (0604 24811). Mon-Fri 7.30pm, £3.50-£6.50, Sat & Bank Holidays 7.30pm, £4-£7, mat Thrs 2.30pm, £3.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **BOUCHER'S BEETHOVEN:** Paul Boucher, baroque violin, plays Beethoven's Sonata Op 30 No 1, preceding it with Mozart's Sonata K 454 and Variations K 360. Lorna Fulford is at the fortepiano.
St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061), 1.15pm, £1.50.

☆ **FINE FONG:** Pianist William Fong, the winner of several prizes, plays Beethoven's 32 Variations in C minor and Balakirev's magnificent Sonata of 1905.
Logan Hall, Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WC1 (01-636 1500), 1.30-2.15pm, free.

EVENING

☆ **SLATKIN'S SHOW:** The Philharmonia Orchestra is conducted by Leonard Slatkin in Beethoven's Piano Concerto No 1 (Stephen Bishop-Kovacevich, soloist), Berlioz's *Carnaval Romain* Overture and Brahms's Symphony No 1.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30-9.20pm, £2-£14.

☆ **IN READING:** Gregory Rose conducts the Reading Symphony Orchestra in Sibelius's *Finlandia* and *Valse triste*, Grieg's Piano Concerto (soloist, William Stephenson), Ravel's *Bolero*, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No 1.
The Hexagon, Queen's Walk, Reading (0734 591591), 7.30pm, £3-£4.50.

☆ **MIRICIOIU MUSIC:** Nelly Miricioiu sings soprano arias from *Ernani*, *Anna Bolena*, *La Sonnambula*, *Louise*, as well as songs by Liszt and Rodrigo. David Harper accompanies.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3.50-£6.50.

☆ **SKROWACZEWSKI/HALLE:** Mozart's Symphony No 35 "Haffner," Tchaikovsky's Symphony No 6 "Pathétique" and Britten's *Les Illuminations* are heard from the Hallé Orchestra under Stanislaw Skrowaczewski.
Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester (061-834 1712), 7.30pm, £2-£11.

☆ **CONSORT CONCERT:** The King's Consort performs Telemann's *Musique de Table*, Vivaldi's *Nulla in mundo pax sincera*, Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 2, Boyce's Symphony No 3. Robert King conducts.
St John's, 7.30pm, £4-£8.

☆ **HELP STUDENTS:** In aid of the London School of Economics Butler's Wharf Students' Residence Appeal and in the presence of Queen Margarethe II of Denmark Pinchas Zukerman solos in Bach's E major Violin Concerto with the LSO. Next, Ralph Kirshbaum (cello) solos in Tchaikovsky's Rococo Variations. Then they both solo in Brahms's Double Concerto.
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £5-£15.

OPERA

☆ **DEATH IN VENICE:** Scottish Opera's production of Britten's opera, now returning in fine form with Philip Langridge as the new Aschenbach and Richard Bernas conducting.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041-331 1234) 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£21.

☆ **BITTER SWEET:** Ian Judge's slick production of Noel Coward's classic continues its tour.
Mayflower Theatre, Southampton (0703 229771), 7.30-10.30pm, £4-£10.

DANCE

☆ **A SIMPLE MAN:** Northern Ballet Theatre's work about L.S. Lowry's life and work, with *Memoire Imaginaire* and *Italian Suite*.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-9.45pm, £3.50-£15.

☆ **FACE TO FACE:** This and other works by Michael McNeill and Roberto Pace introduce their company Dance Contiuum from Rome.
The Place, Dukes Road, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8-10pm, £5.

★ **SWAN LAKE:** Natalia Makarova's new production for London Festival Ballet.
Alhambra, Morley Street, Bradford (0274 752000), 7.30-10pm, £6.50-£15.

BEST SELLING BOOKS

For the week ending April 16

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ROCK

★ **RUSH:** Canadian, heavy rock techno-flashers.
NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133) 7.30pm, £9.50-£10.50.

☆ **THAT PETROL EMOTION:** Vitriolic Irish politico-rockers whose stage show lacks the ferocious intensity apparent on their albums.
Scottish College of Textiles, Jackson Building, Netherknowe, Galashiels (0896 3749)

☆ **MICRODISNEY:** Acerbic pop-rockers led by Cathal Coughlan, plugging their over-rated *39 Minutes* album.
Kingston Polytechnic Students' Union, Knight Park, Surrey (01-549 9961) 8pm, £2.50.

☆ **HAWKWIND:** Wrinkly space cadets coasting along on a wave of psychedelic nostalgia. Support is Doctor and the Medics.
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (01-748 4081) 7.30pm, £5-£6, for two nights.

JAZZ

☆ **JAMES BLOOD ULMER:** Moving between Ornette Coleman's "harmolodics" and mainstream blues-rock, the US guitarist appears with Jamaaladeen Tacuma (bass) and Calvin Weston (drums).
Henry Wood Hall, Claremont Street, Glasgow (041 221 5496) 8pm, £5.

☆ **"SWANN IN JAZZ":** A charity recital by pianist-composer Donald Swann, assisted by cornet player Digby Fairweather, saxophonist Bill Skeat and vocalist Lisa Lincoln.
University College School, Frognal, London NW3 (01-435 2215) 7.45pm, £5 at the door.

☆ **DUSKO GOYKOVICH:** The Yugoslav trumpeter built up a solid reputation during stints with Woody Herman and Maynard Ferguson.
Band On The Wall, 25 Swan Street, Manchester (061 832 6625) doors open 8.30pm, £3.

☆ **WILD BILL DAVISON:** A three-night residency from the US cornet player, one of the last surviving links with the era of Bix Beiderbecke and Mugsy Spanier.
Pizza Express, 10 Dean Street, London W1 (01-439 8722) 9.30pm, ring for prices.

GALLERIES

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Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (01-734 9052). Daily 10am-6pm, £3 (concessions and Sun mornings, £2, under-18s, £1.50), until June 12.

MARIO ROSSI: This young artist's paintings form one of eleven exhibitions in the four-day Portobello Contemporary Art Fair which opens today.
Anderson O'Day Fine Art, 255 Portobello Road, London W11 (01-221 7592), Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, free, until May 21.

TOM OGLE: Works in bronze, marble and terracotta by a Finnish sculptor.
SAGA Gallery, 3 Elystan Street, London SW3 (01-584 5684), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until May 14.

PETER HOWSON: Recent linocuts made to illustrate the story of boxer Randolph Turpin.
Artspace Gallery, 21 Castle Street, Aberdeen (0224 639539), Tues-Sat 9.30-5pm, free, until April 27.

TURNER'S ILLUSTRATIONS: Small watercolours made as the basis of engravings to be published in an 1837 edition of The Poetical Works of Thomas Campbell.
National Gallery of Scotland, The Mound, Edinburgh (031-556 8921), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until May 31.

RICHARD HAMILTON: Four installations and a series of drawings based on Joyce's Ulysses by the ex-Pop artist.
The Fruitmarket Gallery, 29 Market Street, Edinburgh (031-225 2383), Tues-Sat 10-5.30pm, Sun 1.30-5.30pm, free, until May 1.

STEPHEN FARTHING: Narrative paintings, called Mute Accomplices, which address contemporary issues.
The Arts Council Gallery, Bedford Street, Belfast (0232 321402), Tues-Sat 10-6pm, free, until April 30.

RICHARD REDGRAVE (1804-1888): Paintings and drawings by an artist, teacher and highly influential educationalist.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01 938 8344), Mon-Sat 10-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.50pm, free, until May 22.

TALKS

ARCHAEOLOGY IN JAPAN: Lecture by Alan Saville.
Cheltenham Art Gallery, Clarence Street, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire (0242 237431), 1.10pm, free.

THE NATIONAL MONUMENTS RECORD: Lecture by Dr John Bold of the Royal Commission on Historic Monuments.
The Camden Head Public House, Camden Passage, London N1 (01-253 6644), 8pm, 50p.

FAMILIES IN FANCY DRESS: Ailsa Turner talks on the works of Veronese and Mignard.
The National Gallery, Room 9, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (01-839 3321), 1pm, free.

WALKS

CITY OF YORK: meet Exhibition Square, York, 10.15am and 2.15pm, free (daily).

THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER: meet Whitechapel tube, 11am, £3 (also next Thurs).

POLITICAL LONDON: meet Embankment tube, 2pm, £3 (also next Thurs).

OTHER EVENTS

THE HISTORY AND TECHNOLOGY OF SAIL: A collection of more than 90 books on the working library of Sir Alan Moore including *A Complete Set of Naval Chronicles 1799-1818* and an 18th century French dictionary of navigation and naval architecture by Nicolas Aubin.
Bloomsbury Book Auctions, 3 & 4 Hardwick Street, London, EC1 (01-833 2636), 1pm.

THE SPRING WESTMINSTER ANTIQUES FAIR: A new fair with 60 leading dealers present. All furniture to pre-1830 dateline, most other items — longcase, bracket and mantle clocks, ceramics, porcelain — to pre-1860 dateline.
Royal Horticultural Old Hall, Vincent Square, London, SW1. (01-834 4333). Until April 24. Today until Sat 11am-8pm, Sun 11am-6pm. Admission £3 includes catalogue.

POETRY EVENT: To celebrate the first birthday of the Women's Press, performances from "In The Pink" and "No Holds Barred" by the editors, the actresses/singers *The Raving Beauties*.
The Poetry Society, National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, London, SW5. (01-370 6929). 7.30pm. Adults £2.50 students £2.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

KENWOOD CONCERTS: Booking for waterside concerts, including Brass night with fireworks, Edward Heath birthday concert, Spanish night, Italian opera, Russian night, Screen Spectacular, and Bank Holiday Jazz with Kenny Ball, Digby Fairweather and Humphrey Lyttelton. Premières of work by Snell (A Kenwood Carol), Arnold (with composer conducting), Lloyd, and McCabe. June-Aug.
Kenwood, Hampstead Lane, London NW3. Bookings: Duke of York's Theatre, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (01-379 5533).

TOUCH OF BRASS: Vancouver-based ensemble on world tour, with works from Bach, Gershwin, Rossini and Erroll Garner. May 3.
Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London SW1 (01-629 9492).

LAST CHANCE

UNDERSTANDING THE LIVING ARCTIC: Exhibition of clothing, tools and everyday items. Ends today.
Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, London W1 (01-437 2224).

CAV AND PAG: Last performance this season of Ian Judge production by ENO in translation by Edmund Tracey. Michael Lloyd conducts. 7.30 tonight.
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London, WC2 (01-836 3161) (01-240 5258 credit cards).

ESSENTIAL BLACK ART: Review of agitprop works done since 1970 by black artists. Ends today.
Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle (091-232 7734).

AUSTRALIA 200: Aberdeen's role in the development of Australia. Ends Sat.
Aberdeen Art Gallery, Schoolhill, Aberdeen (0224-646333).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; **Films:** Geoff Brown; **Concerts:** Max Harrison; **Opera:** Hilary Finch; **Rock:** David Sinclair; **Jazz:** Clive Davis; **Dance:** John Percival; **Galleries:** David Lee; **Walks and Talks:** Greta Carslaw; **Other Events:** Judy Froshaug; **Bookings:** Anne Whitehouse.

ENTERTAINMENTS

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM S 836 3161 CC 240 5258 **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA**. Ton't 7.30 (Last perf) Cavalleria Rusticana / Pagliacci. Tomor 7.00 The Magic Flute.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 01 240 1066/1911. Stdby info 01 836 6903. S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day (ex Proms) 25-30 April Midland Bank Proms - 360 places available at £4 1 per person 1hr before perf. Ton't 7.30 THE ROYAL BALLET Swan Lake. Ballet casting info 01-240 9815. Tomor 7.30 THE ROYAL OPERA Lucia di Lammermoor.

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Jane Rackham

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 Leon Errol in *Girls, Girls, Girls* (b/w). **6.55 Weather**
7.00 Breakfast Time with Jeremy Paxman and Sally Jones. Includes *national and international news* at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel *reports at* **7.15, 7.45** *and* **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25. 8.55** Regional news *and weather.*
9.00 News and weather followed by **Open Air.** Janet Ellis receives viewers' comments on yesterday's television output. To contribute ring 061-814 0424 ***9.20 Kilroy!*** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on Page Three girls — should they be *banned? The guests include* Clare Short MP.
10.00 News and weather followed by ***One of the Family.*** A series on pets, presented by Marian Foster and Brian Watkins. Today, Michael Martin and Michael Innes discuss keeping birds in the home (r). **10.25 Children's BBC.** Andy Crane with programme details and birthday greetings followed by **Play School** (r) and *Gran (r).*
10.56 Five to Eleven. Laurence Olivier with a reading **11.00 News** and weather followed by **Open Air** with Bob Wellings and Janet Ellis.
12.00 News and weather followed by **Daytime Live.** Magazine series **12.58** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.30 Neighbours.** Susan turns to Clive for comfort; and Shane finally arrives back in Ramsey Street with Jane **1.50 When in Spain with Andrew Sachs** (r).
2.15 All Well and Good. Healthy living series presented by Christopher Lillicrap and Suzanne Dando. Today's guest is Liz Hobbs who explains how *she overcame disease to become* a world champion
2.40 Come Dancing (r).
3.25 Gardeners' Direct Line. Viewers are invited to ring Geoffrey Smith and Peter Seabrook with their gardening problems. The number to call, between 11.30am and 2.30pm, is Leeds (0532) 448222.
3.50 ChuckleVision (r). **4.15 Jonny Briggs.** Episode six of the 13-part serial (r). **4.30 Around the World with Willy Fogg.**
4.55 Newsround 5.05 Blue Peter (Ceefax) **5.35 Neighbours** (r).
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Andrew Harvey. Weather **6.35 London Plus**
7.00 Top of the Pops presented by Peter Powell and Simon Bates.
7.30 EastEnders. The noise from the squat's party angers the neighbours; Michelle fears the worst when her mother gives her some news; and Angie finds out that Den is involved in another dodgy deal. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World reports on the British government's plans for a national *radiation monitoring* and information network; and Howard Stableford has news of a *small solar power station* that is supplying San Diego's grid.
8.30 Mastermind. The specialist *subjects are* W. B. Yeats, Socrates, William Walton and fantasy literature in English, from *Washington Irving* to Tolkien.
9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party.
9.05 News with Martyn Lewis and Andrew Harvey. Regional news and weather.
9.35 The Lenny Henry Show (r). (Ceefax)
10.05 Question Time presented by Sir Robin Day. On the panel are Peter Luff, Detta O'Cathain and MPs John MacGregor and John Prescott
11.05 The Untouchables (b/w). Eliot *Ness and his team do battle with a* gentleman bank robber. Starring Robert Stack and Dan *O'Herlihy* (r).
11.55 Weather.

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Cogs in the Wheel? Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax.
1.20 King Rollo (r). **1.25 What's Inside?** (r).
1.35 Sign Extra. *John and Shades,* a programme adapted for the hearing impaired about two wheelchair world champions from Wales — John Harries (discus) and Chris "Shades" Hallam, a paraplegic swimming champion (r).
2.00 News and weather followed by **Is There Something After Death?** Programme five of Ean Begg, *a Jungian analyst and* psychotherapist's series about what follows the end of life. He meets Sister Barbara Claire of the community of St Mary the Virgin at Wantage, who talks about how faith helps us to deal more creatively with death, and Penelope Eckersley whose husband Tim died after suffering from cancer for three years.
2.30 Snooker. The Embassy World Professional championship. The closing frames of the first round match between Cliff Thorburn and Kirk Stevens; and the opening frames of the game of the second round — Jimmy White against Stephen Hendry. Introduced by David Icke from the Crucible Theatre, *Sheffield.* Includes news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50.**
5.25 The Travel Show Guide. This second of six programmes examining the facts behind holiday brochures' descriptions of resorts features the Algarve. Presented by Paul Heiney with John Kettley and Matthew Collins (r).
6.00 World Snooker. Further *coverage of the matches between* Cliff Thorburn and Kirk Stevens; and Jimmy White against Stephen Hendry.
6.50 Young Musician of the Year. Humphrey Burton introduces the wind semifinal featuring 10 of the country's leading young wind instrumentalists. The adjudicators are flautist Philippa Davies, clarinettist/saxophonist John Harle, bassoonist William Waterhouse, conductor Grant Llewellyn and the resident adjudicator, Professor Alun Hoddinott.
7.30 Call My Bluff. Witty word competition chaired by Robert Robinson. This week Arthur Marshall and Frank Muir are joined by Moira Anderson, Ian Ogilvy, Jan Leeming and Jeffrey Archer.
8.00 Top Gear from the Turin Motor Show where William Woollard and Sue Baker see the latest in "concept cars", built by Italdesign and the British company IAD. Chris Goffey test drives the new Fiat Tipo and there are road tests on two other Italian cars, the executive class Alfa 164 and the sporty *Lancia Integrale.*
8.30 Nature presented by Michael Buerk. There are reports on the sheep farmers whose lambs were affected by the Chernobyl disaster; on whether or not this country's power stations are prepared for a nuclear alert; and the connection between eels and Europe's most polluting nuclear reactor.
9.00 Blackadder II. *More* Elizabethan mayhem with Edmund Blackadder trying unsuccessfully to ingratiate himself into the Virgin Queen's good books (r).
9.30 40 Minutes: Women in Black. The story of three widows — Iris Hughes whose husband died of cancer last year; Maureen Jones whose husband was *killed in a freak pit accident five* years ago; and Daphne Hamilton-Fairley who was widowed by an IRA bomb explosion 12 years ago. (Ceefax)
10.10 World Snooker. Neal Foulds concludes his first round game with Wayne Jones; Steve Davis begins his second round match against Mike Hallett. Introduced by David Vine.
10.40 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party
10.45 Newsnight includes a profile *by James Hogg of prodigal* cricketer Ian Botham **11.30 Weather.**
11.35 World Snooker. Further second round coverage.
12.05am Open University: Weekend Outlook **12.10** Fundamentals of Computing. Ends at **12.40.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with **The Sports Show** introduced by Geoff Clark; **6.30 The Morning Show** presented by Richard Keys; **7.00 Good Morning Britain** with Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. After Nine's guests include Claire Rayner.
9.25 Thames news.
9.30 Lucky Ladders. Word game ***10.00 Santa Barbara 10.25*** News headlines
10.30 The Time. . .The Place. . . A discussion on a topical subject **11.10 Puddle Lane. 11.25 Thames news** headlines
11.30 *My Marriage.* Colin Morris talks to Joy Porter and her husband Neil. They have two children, a boy aged 10 and a girl of seven who was born without a nose. They talk about their love *for their children and how their* Christian faith has helped them come to terms with their *daughter's disfigurement.*
12.00 The Sullivans 12.30 Quandaries. Quiz game
1.00 News at One with Julia Somerville **1.20 Thames news.**
1.30 Falcon's Crest. Drama serial **2.25 *Home Cookery Club.*** *Egg 'n'* Vegetable Bake (r).
2.30 All Our Yesterdays. Bernard *Braden recalls April 1963 with* record producer George Martin.
3.00 Take the High Road. Lady Margaret organizes a lunch party **3.25 Thames news headlines 3.30 Sons and Daughters.**
4.00 Portland Bill. Adventures of a lighthouse keeper (r). **4.10 The Moomins** (r). **4.20 The Sooty Show** with Matthew Corbett (r).
4.45 A Class of Their Own. A new series begins with members of the *Coventry Youth Performance* Group in Jinan to perform their dance drama *Peeping Tom*
5.15 Winner Takes All.
5.45 News with *Fiona Armstrong* **6.00 Thames news**
6.25 Help. Community action news.
6.30 Emmerdale Farm. *Phil puts his* relationship with Sandie at risk.
7.00 In On the Act. Denis Norden looks at 1960s television variety clips in the company of Bernie Winters. Among those appearing on the clips are the Bachelors, Pete and Dud, Joan Regan and Mike and Bernie Winters.
7.30 Auf Wiedersehen, Pet (r). (Oracle)
8.00 Bushmen's Holiday. Travel quiz
8.30 *This Week:* Lockout. *John* Taylor reports from Sheffield and London on the over-crowded conditions faced by remand prisoners in police cells. He also talks to the Home Secretary about what *he proposes to do* about the situation.
9.00 L. A. Law. Drama series set in the offices of a high-powered Los Angeles law firm.
9.50 A Party Political Broadcast on *behalf of the Conservative Party.*
10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Carol Barnes **10.30 Thames news.**
10.35 The City Programme examines who has the right to the surplus *billions in pension funds; on* Japanese investments in London; and the ethical question of the *47 British companies linked to* nuclear weapons
11.05 01- for London includes *Sheridan Morley on Noel* Coward's *Easy Virtue;* and reports on the Elvis exhibition and *the Portobello festival.* Followed by **Crimestoppers.**
11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set.
12.30am A Problem Aired. Viewers' emotional problems discussed by experts.
1.00 Talk, Talk Live. The pop group in concert
2.00 News headlines followed by **Film: Women of San Quentin** (1984) starring Stella Stevens. Drama about a group of female guards in an all-male prison. *Directed by William A. Graham*
4.00 News headlines followed by **Too Close for Comfort.**
4.30 America's Top Ten.
5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

12.00 Just 4 Fun. *Helping Henry* and *Adventures in Letterland.* Two *programmes for children.*
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service presented *by Susannah Simons.*
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-school series for children. The guest is *Patti Labelle.*
2.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Alastair Stewart. The reporters are *Jackie Ashley* and Nicholas Wooley.
2.30 Film: Alive and Kicking (1958, b/w) starring Sybil Thorndike, Kathleen Harrison and Estelle Winwood. Comedy about three elderly ladies who run away from an old folks' home and while *a nation-wide search for them* is going on they set up a business on a remote Irish island. With Stanley Holloway. Directed by Cyril Frankel.
4.15 Stamp of Royalty. A 1972 Post Office film following the history of British Royal commemorative stamps from 1935 to the Silver Wedding Anniversary in 1972 of the Queen and the Duke of *Edinburgh.*
4.30 Countdown. Words and numbers game. The *questionmaster is Richard* Whiteley assisted in the dictionary corner by Clement Freud.
5.00 Film: Dr Syn (1937, b/w) starring George Arliss, Margaret Lockwood and Graham Moffatt. Adventure yarn, set in the 1780s, about the vicar of a *Kentish village who is a pirate long* thought dead. He leads his willing parishioners in a liquor-*smuggling enterprise,* an exercise that brings the area under the gimlet eye of the revenue men. Directed by Roy William Neill.
6.30 The Sharp End examines both ends of the Channel Tunnel through the eyes of French *and British workers* and discovers that the much-vaunted single European market is a long way *distant.* Plus, how British employers are liberating the labour market in south-west France.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Nik Gowing.
7.50 Comment followed by **Weather.**

George Arliss (left) with Graham Moffatt in Dr Syn (C4, 5.00pm)

8.00 Kedleston Hall. A documentary, narrated by Joss Ackland, about the 18th century Derbyshire house, designed by Robert Adam (r).
8.30 Treasure Hunt. Veronica Beryl *and Ann Power are in the studio* guiding the gushing and breathless Anneka Rice over the *Devon countryside in pursuit of* hidden treasure. (Oracle)
9.30 Film on Four: The First Kangaroos (1987). (Oracle) (see Choice)
11.30 Initiation of a Shaman. A documentary, based on the life-long work of anthropologist *Jacques Lizot,* following the seven-day initiation of a shaman, or holy man, of the *Yanomami Indians of* Venezuela, during which he fasts, takes drugs and becomes increasingly weak, thereby jeopardizing the ceremony by being virtually unable to respond by the sixth day.
12.30am Film: Mirror (1974, colour and b/w) starring Margarita Terekhova and Oleg Yankovsky. The Soviet season of *films continues with this* autobiography of the director, Andrei Tarkovsky, as he looks back to his childhood and his relationships with his parents and with his children, relatives and wife. In Russian with English subtitles. Ends at **2.30.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today 6.35-7.00 News followed by Neighbours 11.55-12.00 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster 6.35 Neighbours 6.58-7.00 News 8.30-9.00 Golden Voices ENGLAND: 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 5.00-5.30 About Anglia 10.35 Go Fishing 2 11.05 Prisoner Cell Block H 12.00 Cinema 104: Judith 2.00 WKRP in Cincinnati 2.30 Film: Small Voice* 4.00-5.00 Survival Special.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm Border News 1.30 Gardening Time 2.00-2.30 In Loving Memory 3.00 Musical Journey 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.00-5.30 Lookaround 10.35 Wallace 11.05 Magnum 12.00 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.00noon Home Cookery 12.05pm Quandaries 12.35-1.00 Young Doctors 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Love Boat 5.00 News 5.25-5.30 Police 5 10.35 Central Lobby 11.05 Album 11.35 Hunter 12.30am Bullseye 1.00 Film: Tasio 2.50 Sportsworld 3.50 Thursday Special 4.15-5.00 Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.00noon Votes For Women 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30 European Connections 2.00 Country Practice 2.30 Take the High Road 3.30-3.30 Quandaries 5.00-5.30 Channel Report 10.35 Prisoner Cell Block H 11.35 Big Band TV Disco Show 12.05am Maintaining the Small Garden 12.10 UFO 1.10 America's Top Ten 1.40 Sports Action Worldwide 2.40 Taxi 3.10 Company, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.00-5.30 Granada Reports 10.35 Celebration 11.05 North West Parliament 11.35 Album 12.05am Film: Listen to my Story 1.50 Sportsworld 2.50 Worlds Beyond 3.25 Rock of Europe 4.20-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WEST As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 5.00-5.30 News 10.35 West This Week 11.15 Weekend Outlook 11.20 Film: And Now the Screaming Starts 1.05am Meltdown 2.05 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 5.00pm-5.30 Wales at Six 10.35 Wales This Week 11.05 Film: As HTV West 12.50am Meltdown 1.50-2.20 Invitation to Remember.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Short Story 5.00-5.30 Today 10.35 Business South West 11.05 Hunter 12.00 At the Maintenance Shop 12.25am Postscript. Closedown.

TVS As London except: 12.00noon Votes for Women 12.30pm-1.00 Sullivans 1.20 News 1.30 European Connections 2.00 Country Practice 2.30 Take the High Road 3.00-3.30 Quandaries 5.00-5.30 Coast to Coast 10.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 11.35 Agenda 12.05am Employment Action! 12.10 UFO 1.10 America's Top 10 1.40 Sports Action 2.40 Taxi 3.10 Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Man from UNCLE 5.00-5.30 Northern Life 10.35 Streets Paved With Gold 11.35 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.30am Epilogue 12.35-6.00 Jobfinder.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Newstime 1.30 Short Story Theatre 2.00-2.30 History of the Grand Prix 3.30-4.00 Bygones 5.00 Six Tonight 5.20-5.30 Police Six 10.35 Counterpoint 11.05 Hunter 12.00 Burgundy 12.15am Newstime, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 5.00-5.30 Calendar 10.35 Hunter 11.35 Hammer House of Horror 12.30am Film: Taste of Excitement 2.15 Jobfinder 3.15 Closedown.

S4C Starts: 10.00am Film: Semmy Going South 12.00 Countdown 12.30pm Business Daily 1.00 Sesame Street 2.00 Film: Day at the Races* 4.10 Ffalabalam 4.25 Hafoc 5.00 Family Ties 5.30 I Dream of Jeannie 6.00 Brookside 6.30 Moneyspinner 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Y Brodyr Gregory 8.00 Caln Gwiad 8.35 Dinas 9.05 Rhagor O Wynt 10.05 Hill Street Blues 11.00 Max Headroom 12.35am Film: Mirror 2.30 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 3.00pm 'Live' At Three 4.00 Dempsey's Den 4.35 Dilin O Deamhas 4.45 Fireman Sam 5.00 Campbells 5.30 Ten Minute Tales 5.45 News 6.00 Angelus 6.01 Newstime 6.20 Garda Patrol 6.30 Know Your Sport 7.00 Evening Extra 7.25 Video File 7.55 Last Place on Earth 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Cagney and Lacey 11.05 Bookside 11.35 News, Closedown.

RTE 2 Starts: 5.15pm Emmerdale Farm 5.40 Laurel & Hardy* 6.00 Huckleberry Finn and Friends 6.30 Sullivans 7.00 Top of the Pops 7.30 Family Ties 8.00 Nuacht 8.10 Cursai 8.40 Mart and Market 8.45 Matinee 9.00 Dynasty 9.55 Big Band TV Disco Show 10.25 Newsnight 10.45 Mastermind 11.15 Nightlight, Closedown.

Dennis Waterman (left) and Chris Haywood in a part social drama and part comedy: The First Kangaroos (C4, 9.30pm)

Tackling poms in a sporting way

TELEVISION CHOICE

● A sporting drama which embraces such themes as superstar rivalry, sponsorship, dirty play and media hype may have a contemporary ring but the events chronicled in **The First Kangaroos** (Channel 4, 9.30pm) belong not to 1988 but to 1908. The Kangaroos were a Rugby League team from New South Wales, formed in defiance of the Rugby Union establishment over payments for loss of earnings. Nigel Williams's script, based loosely, if not slavishly, on fact, follows the team on a tour of the north of *England and a climactic* encounter with the outstanding player in the British game, Albert Goldthorpe (Dennis Waterman). Goldthorpe may be past his best and hates being reminded of it but he is not past employing every disreputable trick in the book to stop the rising young Aussie star, Dally Messenger (Dominic Sweeney). The tour is a shoe-string affair, with the players working as stokers to pay their passage and sleeping several to a room to save the pennies. At first the British public stays away but a shrewd publicity campaign ensures a *full house* at Hunslet for the Goldthorpe-Messenger encounter and its Roy of the Rovers finish. *The First Kangaroos* is played partly as *social drama and partly as* comedy without quite making up its mind which it wants to be. Either way, it could have done with a crisper and livelier style. The director, Frank Cvitanovich, spends too much time on exposition and overdoes the *Chariots of Fire* gimmick of filming the match sequences in tedious slow motion, when the whole point of Rugby League is its speed and aggression. The subject is a splendid one and the film contains much to enjoy. But given a little flair the enjoyment could have been greater.

Peter Waymark

Rocking the boat

RADIO CHOICE

● Few academics are better suited to the role of probing politically committed clerics in ***Turbulent Priests*** (Radio 4, 11.25am) than Edward Norman, Dean of Peterhouse, Cambridge who, in the 1979 Reith Lectures, took churchmen to task for identifying the gospel with political and social ends. And few clerics (or, in the case of today's opening interview, ex-clerics) are better suited to offering themselves for dissection by Dr Norman than Bruce Kent, CND activist *par excellence.* Both men are notorious boat-rockers, so it says much for their respective talents for self-stabilization that neither tips the other into the choppy *waters of politico-religious* debate. Dean and former priest are both quick thinkers and quick talkers, and you may share my regret that a restraining hand did not fall on their shoulders from time to time, *especially as, in 25 minutes* flat, they try to do justice to such complex issues as the moral justification of war; whether Aids should be discussed in the context of private or public morality; and — a pivotal point — whether the dimension that activist clerics bring to bear on *their social* commitment is authentically religious.

Bruce Kent: mixing politics with religion (R4, 11.25am)

● Like *Turbulent Priests,* **Later Than You Think** (Radio 4, 3.00pm), a comedy about a mature couple at odds on their *honeymoon, proves that,* with a bit of give and take on both sides, it is not uncommon to arrive at a common denominator.

Peter Davalle

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Radio 1

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see below)
5.30 Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Frank Partridge) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Bruno Brookes **7.30** Liz Kershaw **9.00** My Top Ten special **10.00-12.00** Andy Kershaw **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2: **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2

Radio 2

MW (medium wave) Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1)
News on the hour.
4.00 Colin Berry **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** John Stalker **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Frank Bough **1.05** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Wally Whyton introduces Country Club **9.00** Paul Jones (featuring Tam White) **10.00** The News Huddlines **10.30** Star Sound Cinema (Nick Jackson) **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight **1.00** Patrick Lunt presents Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music.

WORLD SERVICE

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Radio 3

6.55 Weather, news
7.00 Morning Concert: Cimarosa (Concertante in G: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Sillito, with Aurèle Nicolet, flute, and Heinz Holliger, oboe); Debussy (Rondes de printemps (Images): Paris Orchestra under Barenboim)
7.30 News
7.35 Concert contd: Schumann (Overture to Manfred, Op 115: Bavarian RSO under Kubelik); Schubert (Entr'acte No 3 (Rosamunde): Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Masur); Mendelssohn (Concerto in E: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Marriner with Brenda Lucas and John Ogdon, piano)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Britten in America. The Ash Grove: Peter Pears, tenor, and the composer, piano; Diversions, Op 21: LSO under the composer with Julius Katchen; Quartet No 1, Op 25: Endellion String Quartet
9.35 Trio Sonnerie: Monica Huggett, violin, Sarah Cunningham, viola da gamba, and Mitzi Meyerson, harpsichord, perform Rameau's Pièces de clavecin en concerts No 1; Buxtehude's Trio-Sonata in D minor, Op 1 No 6; and Rameau's Pièces de clavecin en concerts No 3
10.10 The Isle of the Dead: Reger (The Isle of the Dead: Nuremberg SO under Kloss); and Rachmaninov (The Island of the Dead, Op 29: Berlin PO under Maazel)
10.40 Music for Oboe and Piano: Nicholas Daniel and Julius Drake perform pieces by Michael Head, Lennox Berkeley, Michael Berkeley, and Madeleine Dring (R)
11.25 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: Kodaly's Dances from Galanta; Bruch's Violin Concerto No 1 in G minor; and Brahms's Symphony NO 2 in D. With Edith Peinemann, violin. **12.10** interval reading: Malcolm Ruthven reads from a new biography by Victor Borovsky
1.00 News
1.05 Liszt and the Piano: Edith Vogel plays Sonata in B minor (r)
1.45 The Queen of Spades: Tchaikovsky's three-act opera sung in Russian: Chorus and Orchestra of the Bolshoi Theatre, Moscow under Ermler. With Vladimir Atlantov, tenor, and Tamara Milashkina, soprano

Tadaaki Otaka (R3, 7.30pm)

5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: presented by Andrew Kenner
6.30 Bandstand: Wayne State University Symphonic Band play first UK broadcasts of Claude T. Smith's Flight, Roger Nixon's California Jubilee, and John Corigliano's Gazebo Dances
7.00 News
7.05 Third Ear: Michael Hall talks to Donald Mitchell and Henry-Louis de La Grange, two Mahler scholars
7.30 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra (conducted by Tadaaki Otaka): Diamond anniversary concert live from St David's Hall in Cardiff. Mozart's Piano Concerto No 19 in F (K 459); and Mahler's Symphony No 5. With Bernard D'Ascoli, piano. **8.40** Daniel Jones reflects on the 60 year history of the BBC Welsh SO
9.45 Mr Gottlieb Will Not Be Writing: by Michael Swiss. Read by David Garth (r)
10.00 Music in Our Time: First UK broadcasts of Christoph Delz's Worksongs: the Endymion Ensemble with the composer, prepared piano; and Delz's In the Jungle (Homage to the Douanier Rousseau: South West German Radio Orchestra under Kazimierz Kord)
11.00 Composers of the Week: Clementi and Hummel. Clementi's Sonata in B minor, Op 40 No 2, Sonatina in C, Op 36 No 1, and Sonata in G minor, Op 34 No 2; and Hummel's Theme and Variations in F
12.00 News
12.05 Wolf 88: Barry McDaniel, baritone, and Robert Spilman, piano, play Auf eine Christblume I (r). **12.10** Closedown

Radio 4

LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF
5.55 Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day (s)
6.30 Today presented by Brian Redhead and Sue MacGregor incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather; Travel
9.00 News
9.05 Punters: An opportunity for members of the public to make their own investigative radio programme. With Susan Marling and Nigel Farrell
9.45 I Should Say So (new series): Michael Williams reads four new Robb Wilton sketches by Allen Saddler (1) The Telephone
10.00 News; The Natural History Programme: Lionel Kelleway talks to Eric Hansen about the creatures he encountered on his 1,500-mile walk across Borneo; and Jessica Holm examines honey-guides — birds that lead animals to bees' nests
10.45 An Act of Worship
11.00 News; Travel; Citizens
11.25 Turbulent Priests (new series): Edward Norman talks to four clerics who have chosen to interpret their loyalty to God in political terms. (1) Bruce Kent (see Choice)
11.50 Smith and Son: Phil Smith with some observations about being a father for the first time
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25 Flying the Flag: Comedy by Alex Shearer starring Dinsdale Landen as the ambassador at one of HM Embassies in a far-flung people's republic (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One: presented by Gordon Clough
1.35 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Conservative Party
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Includes features on women and anger: and the French Elections; plus part three of Helen of Burma, read by Mary Wimbush
3.00 News; Later Than You Think (s) Play by Jack Gerson about a honeymooning couple. With Robert Urquhart and Gwen Watford (see Choice)
4.00 News
4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde talks to John Mortimer about his latest novel *Summer Lease*
4.35 Kaleidoscope (r)
5.00 PM: presented by Frances Coverdale and Robert Williams **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News, incl Financial Report
6.30 Brain of Britain 1988: Robert Robinson chairs the nationwide general knowledge quiz played this week by contestants from London (r)
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Any Answers?: An opportunity to raise some of the subjects tackled in last week's "Any Questions?". Introduced by Brian Gear
7.30 From Raj to Rajiv: Forty Years of Independence. The BBC's Delhi Correspondent Mark Tully charts India's progress since the British left. (3) Old Gods for New (r)
8.15 The Good and Faithful: David Wade talks to some of the many thousands who were employed in domestic service between the two World Wars about their experiences
9.00 Does He Take Sugar?: A magazine of special interest to the disabled. Presented by Kati Whitaker
9.30 Ian Skidmore visits the BBC Sound Archives (r)
9.45 Kaleidoscope: reviews of Shusaku Endo's book *Scandal,* of *Don Juan* at the Royal Exchange, and of the Royal Academy's *Early Cezanne* exhibition. With Christopher Bigsby
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: A Clergyman's Daughter by George Orwell. Read by George Baker (9 of 10) **10.25** Weather
10.30 The World Tonight: with Michael Vestey
11.15 The Financial World Tonight
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00 News, **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast

VHF as above except: **1.55-2.00pm** Listening Corner (s) **5.50-5.55** PM (contd) **11.30-12.10am** Open University: **11.30** Dickens and Balzac **11.50** Villa Madama

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Labour rebel loses the whip

By Richard Ford
Political Correspondent

The Labour leadership last night signalled its determination to stamp out what it sees as electorally damaging protests by maverick MPs when it decided to withdraw the whip for three months from Mr Ron Brown.

The action against Mr Brown, MP for Edinburgh Leith, will plunge the party into renewed internal controversy. It will be resisted by hard-left colleagues of Mr Brown who caused uproar in the Commons when he failed to apologize formally for tossing the Mace to the floor.

Mr Derek Foster, the chief whip, made the proposal after a series of incidents of parliamentary hooliganism by Labour MPs during this session that have deeply embarrassed the party leadership, and brought his own and the Speaker's authority into question.

Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, is determined to assert his authority and wants tighter discipline within the parliamentary party as he believes the antics of a few MPs obscure tactical victories over the Government and hinder its long term hopes of electoral recovery.

Although there will be strong criticism of the Shadow Cabinet decision by left wingers, party leaders are convinced the time is right for decisive measures.

The move is likely to receive widespread support from within the Parliamentary Labour Party (PLP), many of whom have lost patience at the actions of a handful of MPs and were said to be "incandescent with rage" over Mr Brown's action.

The Shadow Cabinet made its move to withdraw the whip only hours before the Commons debated a cross party motion to suspend the Labour MP from the House for 20 days and after Mr Kinnock had furiously denounced "louts and loudmouths" who disrupt parliament, infuriate colleagues and distract attention from the Government's difficulties.

In his most vitriolic onslaught on party members since his stinging attack on Liverpool's Militant leaders, the Labour leader criticized Mr Brown for "after hours tantrums and afternoon loutishness" and called for self discipline within the party.

Speaking to the Scottish TUC, Mr Kinnock denounced "the childish antics" of those who regarded themselves as "class warriors who are so interested in their own images, in their own interests that they neglect the very people who need us".

The decision by the Commons to suspend Mr Brown will be taken on a free vote but last night the MP was unrepentant. "The whole thing is a storm in a tea cup. Some people want to use it for their own ends in the Parliamentary Labour Party. So be it. I have a job of work to do and I will still do it even if I am suspended".

RAF stands ready to repel all invaders

The ground crew of No 5 Squadron, wearing nuclear defence suits, guarding a Tornado yesterday at RAF Coningsby. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

By Ronald Faux

Russia remains a threat to the West, General John Galvin, supreme Allied Commander, Europe, said yesterday during a full-scale test of Britain's air defences. "People still realize there is a threat out there no matter what Chief Secretary Gorbachov has said. The Soviet Military has not changed that much at all and without changes we cannot do more than wishful thinking", he said while watching the exercise at RAF Coningsby, Lincolnshire.

Britain had survived well into the third day of a massive 1,000 sortie assault by a mock enemy on military targets — air fields, missile sites, and radar stations in Exercise Elder Forest 88. The object was to test the effectiveness of defences in a high-tech Battle of Britain.

General Galvin showed a boyish enthusiasm at the prospect of a flight in a Tornado F3 with Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding, Commander in Chief UK Air Forces and Air Officer Commanding in Chief RAF Strike Command. The General, aged 58, said: "Ever since I was a kid in World War II I have admired the RAF. I used to make models of Spitfires, Hurricanes and Typhoons."

The hardware had changed and was very good, he said, but it was essential to keep modernizing. He compared it to equipment at home. "How old is your car, your toaster or your wife's hair curlers?" he asked. "Not as old as some of the aircraft being flown today like the B52", he said.

The General said he was sure that Britain could be defended against air attack but he wanted to go up today for a 90-minute sortie to make sure, he added with a grin. Britain would be of vital importance in any future world conflict.

RAF Coningsby, with its concrete shelters, air conditioned against nuclear fall-out and chemical assault, was at battle stations. Guarding the runway was a radar controlled Oerlikon anti-aircraft gun, part of the £32 million of equipment won from the Argentinians in the Falklands conflict.

Air Commodore A. F. C. Hunter, director of public relations for the RAF, had little to offer those on the ground who grew annoyed by the roar of low level RAF training. It was an essential part of the West's deterrent value that British aircrews should have absolute competence at flying low level sorties and only regular practice bred competence. He said the number of such flights had risen to 150,000 a year but the accident rate had improved dramatically — 17 main accidents last year compared with 10 times that number in 1957 when 150 air crew were killed.

The results of exercise Elder Forest 88 will be analysed by computer but yesterday the onslaught was resisted and an enemy made up of Belgian, French, German, Danish, Canadian and RAF aircraft was largely intercepted and "neutralized."

Commons sketch

A dose of Ridley would quell rebels

If Mr Neil Kinnock really wished to quell the ruder members of his backbenches, he would hire Mr Nicholas Ridley on a private basis to speak, day and night, on the finer points of the Poll Tax.

Just as, say, Mr Ron Brown and Mr Dennis Canavan were quietly plotting fresh disruptions in one of the darkened cupboards of Westminster, the doors would be thrown open and there would be Mr Ridley, listing yet more statistics and percentages relating to his beloved Community Charge. Within seconds, rebellious Scottish snores would resound through the corridors, and yet another rebellion would drop on to the pillow.

Yesterday, while Mr Ridley twittered on, a number of the more savage dogs of the Labour Party padded into the Chamber, but even the most dedicated bloodhound sometimes just laps at his water and dreams of bones.

Mr Eric Heffer garrumphed into the Chamber dressed in a more furious version of the Garrick Club tie. Perhaps elevation to such a distinguished coterie, and the chance to rub shoulders with Donald Sinden, Melvyn Bragg and many of the stars of television's longest-running panel games had tempered his political will; or perhaps he was saving his fire for later in the evening, when the future of Mr Brown was to be discussed.

Mr Ridley's Environment Department spans an endless landscape of human life, and it seems to contain a Junior Minister in charge of almost any endeavour you can call to mind. Somewhere or other, there will be a Minister in Charge of Switching the Light Off Before You Go To Bed, or a Minister with Special Responsibility for Mowing the Lawn. When Mr Ridley sits down, one of these Ministers will stand up, and for a few brief moments the House will wake with a start.

When the Minister for Sport took to the Despatch Box, Ms Diane Abbott had a word or two to say about Miss Zola Budd. She was, said Ms Abbott, "a walking, talking, running, public relations stunt for South Africa". Oho! There is nothing like a sceptical reference to Miss Budd to make smoke pour from the ears of Tory backbenchers. Mr Nicholas Winterton leapt to his feet, his complexion zipping through the colours of a traffic-light before ending on red. "Miss Budd is an innocent but very talented young athlete!" he bellowed. "...It is wrong to give in to blackmail!"

But it was one of those days on which, just as things seem to be about to get going, they plummet once again into dullness. Mr Dennis Canavan is as sinister and cadaverous as an innkeeper from a story by Mr Robert Louis Stevenson. Alas, sometimes such innkeepers merely potter in, politely serve the drinks and then potter out again, without so much as a curse or a threat. When Mr Canavan rose to his feet, hushed observers expected him to urge the House to roll out three spirited cheers on behalf of Mr Ron Brown, and then to collapse into a flood of abuse when his request was not granted. Instead, Mr Canavan sought to congratulate everyone who participated in the London Marathon. What a bleak, bleak day it was turning out to be.

After Mr Ridley had exited, the excitement grew. Mr Dale Campbell-Savours can sometimes lend bite to a wet afternoon, exposing an Official Secret or two, or pointing his spindley finger at a misbehaving Minister. Often, he is like a particularly unsuitable conjuror at a children's party, producing dead rabbits from misplaced hats. Out of an envelope, he produced what he called a "communication" from "a paid hack".

"No Honourable Member is a paid hack!" claimed the Speaker. Mr Campbell-Savours withdrew his remark, instead referring to "a paid consultant". His objection, which seemed to lose steam even as it emerged from his mouth, was to Members who used the internal facilities of the House to engage in outside business interests. As objections go, this was very little, but then up rose Mr Skinner to make a little go a long way, ranting about Tory MPs lining their pockets. Finally subdued by the Speaker, he yelled the dread threat, "You're going to get more of that later!" Come back, Mr Ridley, all is forgiven.

Craig Brown

Gunmen given safe passage

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tory in which innocent lives were saved but in which principle — enshrined in Kuwait's refusal to free the 17 extremists — was upheld.

Kuwait's tacit approval of the Algerian action was evident yesterday evening when Mr Saoud al-Asami, the Kuwaiti Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, expressed his country's thanks to the Algerian leadership for "securing the release of the hostages and ending this tragedy safely."

Mr al-Asami said he did not know the whereabouts of the hijackers; an Algerian security official, who was named as Mr Mohamed Fahd, claimed that the gunmen were still in Algiers although he would give no further information to support his assertion.

Kuna, the official Kuwaiti news agency later reported that a deal has indeed been agreed for the safe passage of the hijackers out of Algiers. Kuwaiti sources in the Gulf said that the seven men, most of whom are believed to be Lebanese, chose to return to homes in Lebanon or Iran.

In the tiredness and amazement of their own relief after the longest hijacking in recent Middle East history, the 31 passengers and crew from flight KU422, showed no interest yesterday in the fate of those who had held them captive and who had murdered two of their number.

● **LONDON:** Two of Scotland Yard's experts on siege tactics and hostage negotiations have been working in Kuwait, police sources disclosed yesterday (Stewart Tendler writes).

Both men are linked to a small unit called SO.10, formed just over a year ago, whose official job is providing "logistical support for crime operations".

Algiers sanctions threat

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and also within the EEC political co-operation committee and the International Civil Aviation Association, to establish the facts.

The Times undertands that Britain is likely to call for the Bonn declaration to be invoked if present suspicions over the nature of the deal are confirmed. The seven countries reaffirmed their commitment to the declaration at Tokyo in 1986 and at Venice last June.

Ministers showed dismay yesterday after receiving preliminary reports suggesting that the hijackers would not be brought to justice. They have been fearing such an outcome since Cyprus allowed the plane to leave Larnaca.

A statement issued on behalf of Mrs Thatcher said: "Those responsible ought without question to be brought to justice. If terrorists are allowed to escape unpunished, it will only lead to more hijacking and more hostage-taking."

Downing Street made it clear that, while Mrs Thatcher was relieved that the remaining hostages were safe, it could not be forgotten that a vicious act of terrorism had taken place with the cold-blooded murder of two people.

Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said: "Those glimpses that we have of the arrangements so far reveal at least one aspect to be entirely unsatisfactory, and that is that the hijackers apparently have been allowed to get away scot-free.

"They are going to do it again, and the world community cannot possibly applaud an outcome that has allowed that to happen".

Mr Mellor added: "A number of countries who are as dedicated as we are to the fight against international terror will want to discuss this."

He said no one should underestimate the Government's concern. Many people would find it "utterly repugnant" if the hijackers went free. Mr Mellor told the Commons foreign affairs committee earlier that, amid relief that the hostages were safe, "we should think hard before we throw our hats into the air". He said that it would be "extremely regrettable" if, as the Algerian Foreign Minister had suggested, the hijackers had disappeared "like rain into soil".

Mr Mellor added: "The idea that they will go back to hew wood and draw water in quiet obscurity is a nonsense. They will do it again."

● **WASHINGTON:** The White House yesterday welcomed the freeing of the remaining hostages but expressed disappointment that there was no indication that the hijackers were going to be brought to justice (Mohsin Ali writes). It strongly supported Kuwait's "unflinching stand against terrorist blackmail" and its policy of making no concessions to the hijackers, who had murdered two innocent travellers.

12% nurses pay rise

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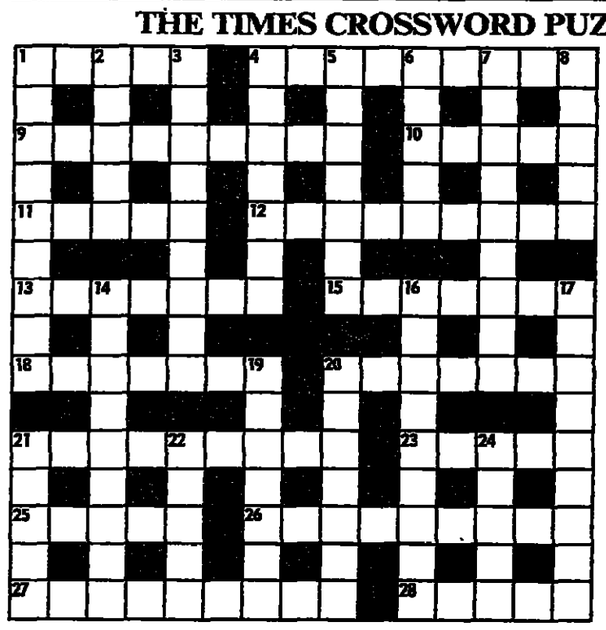
The review body is understood to have recommended regional variations in nurses pay and also increased payment for special skills, an approach which was suggested by Mr John Moore, the Social Services Secretary, and DHSS Ministers and which the Treasury is seeking to have adopted in a wide range of pay negotiations.

Last year the implementation of the award to nurses, midwives and health visitors cost £447 million, the allied professions award cost £39 million and that to doctors and dentists cost £230 million. There was some expectation among MPs last night that the awards to doctors and dentists, the Armed Services and especially to top people might be staged rather than paid in full immediately.

● The Labour Treasury spokesman, Mr Gordon Brown, claimed last night that the Government's final public sector borrowing requirement figures for 1987-88 showed that the Government had spent £2.7 billion less than it had planned in the financial year. "The Government can afford not only the full funding of the nurses pay award but also the full £2 billion recovery programme for the National Health Service."

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,649



ACROSS

1 Check Murphy is coming back (5).
4 Book cover has to repeat the title (9).
9 Abandoned grotto crumbling into the marsh (9).
10 Get state permit to have a servant (5).
11 Huge cost of electrical safety precaution (5).
12 So sure to make a discovery (9).
13 Ate basin of sea-food (7).
15 Big cars on the US Atlantic seaboard? (7).
18 Go back to buy another round (7).
20 Inconvenienced by action to suppress poem (7).
21 Lack of energy deters sin that is fashionable (9).
23 King to weaken, until Parsifal wins this? (5).
25 Put one in store — a wee one (5).
26 One way to be delivered from the emperor (9).
27 Take spare writing implement, in a way, out of pocket (9).
28 Where one would find a wandering shade? (5).

DOWN

1 Kind of course fee (9).
2 Less draped about in silks (5).
3 Tempting, but it can bite a few people (9).
4 High passage makes jazz freak move his feet (7).
5 Criticise a guerilla's swagger (7).
6 Sound examples of it are D and X, both ending in C (5).
7 Everyone in support of high-level operation shows courage (9).
8 Bird perched on an enormous man (5).
14 Decide to set boy up with the trappings of rank (9).
16 Get great help working the scoreboard (9).
17 Secondary activities include minor verse (9).
19 Blandishments well described by Dormouse (7).
20 Due to eat second course (7).
21 It's forbidden to put a native inside (5).
22 Repudiate saint — he's French (5).
24 Advanced to a crisis (5).

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

Art Parts
By Philip Howard

FROTTAGE
a. Tracing by rubbing
b. A Scots Colourist
c. A dry fresco

CARO
a. A Venetian painter
b. A square tondo
c. A sculptor

ORPIMENT
a. Yellow
b. A Flemish School
c. Part of a pediment

CRESPI
a. Decorative curlicues
b. A Lombard painter
c. The red-light district of Pompeii

Answers on page 22, column 1

Solution to Puzzle No 17,648

WEATHER

Most of England and Wales will have another dry day with sunny spells, the best of the sunshine in the south and east, where it will turn out quite warm. However, some south and west-facing coasts, with parts of the north-west, are likely to be more cloudy. South-east Scotland and Northern Ireland may see a few sunny spells but there will be rain, mostly in the north and west. Outlook: Cloudy and showers.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	r	Madrid	17	63	s
Akrotiri	17	63	s	Majorca	21	70	f
Alex'dria	19	66	s	Malaga	21	70	s
Algiers	21	70	f	Malta	21	70	s
Amst'dm	12	54	c	Mexico C*	25	77	s
Athens	16	61	f	Miami*	31	88	f
Bahrain	30	86	s	Milan	18	64	f
Barbados*	29	84	f	Montreal*	4	39	f
Bermuda*	23	73	c	Moscow	12	54	s
Biarritz	17	63	f	Naples	18	64	f
B Aires*	21	70	s	N Delhi	30	86	s
Cairo	23	73	s	N York*	8	46	f
Cape Tn	15	59	r	Nice	15	59	c
C'blanca	19	66	s	Oslo	6	43	c
Chicago*	8	46	s	Paris	15	59	f
Ch'church	10	50	c	Rhodes	14	57	s
Cologne	13	55	r	Rio de J	24	75	c
C'phagn	15	59	s	Riyadh	35	95	f
Corfu	18	64	s	S F'risco*	11	52	r
Dublin	15	59	c	Seoul	17	63	s
Dubrovnik	18	64	s	Sing'por	31	88	r
Faro	22	72	f	Strasb'rg	13	55	r
Florence	19	66	c	Sydney	21	70	f
Geneva	11	52	r	Tel aviv	17	63	c
Gibraltar	20	68	s	Tenerife	21	70	f
Helsinki	4	39	c	Tokyo	23	73	s
Hong K	27	81	r	Toronto*	3	37	c
Istanbul	11	52	c	Tunis	22	72	c
Jo'burg*	20	68	f	Valencia	19	66	s
Karachi	33	91	s	Vanc'ver*	11	52	s
L Palmas	21	70	s	Venice	19	66	f
Le Tquet	12	54	c	Vienna	21	70	s
Lisbon	18	64	s	Warsaw	22	72	s
Locarno	18	64	c	Wash'ton*	10	50	f
L Angeles*	16	61	f	Wel'ngton	14	57	c
Luxembg	11	52	c	Zurich	11	52	r

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.40	6.9	5.58	6.5
Aberdeen	5.04	3.7	5.38	3.6
Avonmouth	11.07	11.6	11.16	11.3
Belfast	2.52	3.3	3.23	3.0
Cardiff	10.52	10.8	11.01	10.6
Devonport	9.45	4.8	9.52	4.8
Dover	2.41	6.2	3.06	5.9
Falmouth	9.15	4.6	9.22	4.6
Glasgow	4.18	4.9	4.56	4.6
Harwich	3.34	3.8	3.51	3.5
Holyhead	1.57	5.1	2.28	4.8
Hull	10.10	6.7	10.42	6.4
Ilfracombe	9.53	8.0	10.04	7.9
Leith	6.35	4.9	7.02	4.9
Liverpool	2.49	8.6	3.15	8.3
Lowestoft	12.12	2.3	1.25	2.2
Margate	3.44	4.6	3.00	4.3
Milford Haven	10.08	6.1	10.22	6.0
Newquay	9.01	6.1	9.15	6.1
Oban	9.27	3.2	9.27	3.3
Penzance	8.51	4.8	8.58	4.8
Portland	10.40	1.7	10.40	1.7
Portsmouth	3.03	4.4	3.37	4.3
Shoreham	2.38	5.8	3.09	5.6
Southampton	2.33	4.1	3.05	4.0
Swansea	10.12	8.6	10.24	8.4
Tees	7.34	4.8	8.04	4.8
W'ton-on-Nze	3.32	4.0	3.49	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.
Times are BST

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.4	.32	17	63	bright
Bridlington	5.3	.23	16	61	bright
Cromer	0.4	.01	17	63	fog
Lowestoft	0.5	.33	15	59	fog
Southend	-	.66	17	63	rain
Margate	-	.54	15	59	rain
Hastings	0.4	.39	17	63	rain
Eastbourne	-	.37	15	59	rain
Brighton	-	.10	14	57	rain
Bognor R	-	.22	13	55	rain
Southsea	-	.63	13	55	rain
Shanklin	0.8	-	16	61	cloudy
Bournemth	0.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Weymouth	-	-	12	54	dull
Teignmouth	-	-	13	55	dull
Torquay	-	-	14	57	dull
Penzance	1.0	-	13	55	cloudy
Scilly Isles	-	.28	14	57	rain
Newquay	2.9	-	15	59	bright
Minehead	0.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Morecambe	4.0	.35	13	55	bright
Douglas	-	.56	11	52	fog
Nottingham	2.5	.11	17	63	bright
Anglesey	5.5	.03	12	54	bright
Tenby	2.8	.02	13	55	cloudy
Aberdeen	8.7	1.02	17	63	sunny
Aviemore	5.9	.38	16	61	bright
Kinloss	3.0	.67	12	54	cloudy
Lerwick	-	.24	4	39	snow
Prestwick	7.9	.35	15	59	sunny
Stornoway	-	.09	8	46	rain
Tiree	6.3	.02	13	55	sunny
Wick	0.3	.77	9	48	cloudy

* Denotes figures not available
These are Tuesday's figures

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.625	2.485
Austria Sch	22.95	21.85
Belgium Fr	68.60	65.20
Canada $	2.42	2.30
Denmark Kr	12.55	11.95
Finland Mkk	7.86	7.46
France Fr	11.07	10.52
Germany Dm	3.26	3.10
Greece Dr	261	241
Hong Kong $	15.25	14.50
Ireland Pt	1.225	1.165
Italy Lira	2410	2300
Japan Yen	244.75	232.75
Netherlands Gld	3.645	3.475
Norway Kr	12.11	11.51
Portugal Esc	265.50	252.50
South Africa Rd	4.55	4.05
Spain Pta	215	204
Sweden Kr	11.49	10.94
Switzerland Fr	2.70	2.57
USA $	1.97	1.88
Yugoslavia Dnr	3200	2600

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 104.1 (March).

London: The *FT* index closed down 10.3 at 1419.4.

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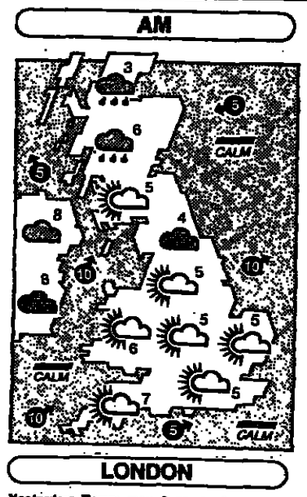

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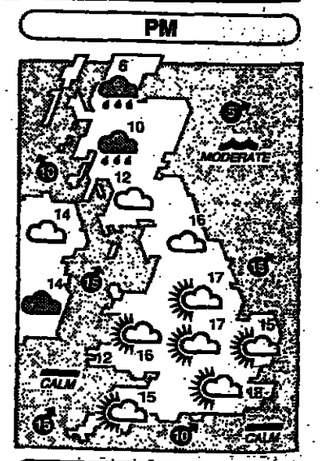

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 10C (50F). Humidity: 6 pm, 51 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.21 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1027.7 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 16C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.02 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.6 hr.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 8.38 pm to 5.20 am
Bristol 8.47 pm to 5.30 am
Edinburgh 9.02 pm to 5.20 am
Manchester 8.51 pm to 5.23 am
Penzance 8.56 pm to 5.45 am

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Leeds, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 4C (39F); highest rainfall: Leuchars, Fife, 1.34in; highest sunshine: Belfast, 10.8 hr.

Sun rises: 5.52 am — Sun sets: 8.08 pm
Moon sets 1.47 am — Moon rises 6.19 am
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	f	Guernsey	12	54	s
B'ngham	15	59	c	Inverness	8	46	d
Blackpool	13	55	c	Jersey	15	59	s
Bristol	14	57	f	London	16	61	c
Cardiff	14	57	f	M'nchester	14	57	f
Edinburgh	11	52	r	Newcastle	14	57	c
Glasgow	11	52	c	R'nldsway	11	52	c

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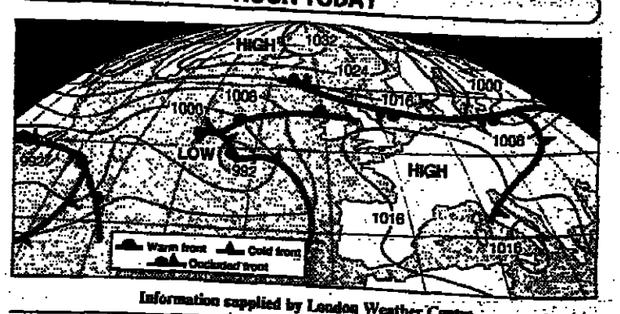

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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1419.4 (–10.3)

FT-SE 100
1786.8 (–12.1)

Bargains
22769 (23165)

USM (Datastream)
149.06 (+0.42)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8940 (same)

W German mark
3.1478 (same)

Trade-weighted
78.6 (same)

Record £3.6bn repaid after revenue boom

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain repaid £3.6 billion of public sector debt in the 1987-88 financial year, better than the Treasury estimated in the Budget last month and easily the biggest ever annual debt repayment.

The bonanza in tax revenues continued until the end of the financial year, with income tax and VAT receipts rising strongly.

Inland Revenue receipts rose by £7.4 billion or 13 per cent last year, against a forecast increase of 12.5 per cent in the Budget. Customs and Excise receipts were up by £3.6 billion, or 9 per cent, compared with an 8¾ per cent Budget forecast.

But, with emerging signs of a moderation in the pace of growth in the economy, it is unlikely that this year will see a repeat of the massive borrowing undershoots of the past two years.

A slowdown in output and spending would hit tax revenues and make a public spending undershoot less likely. Against this, strong growth in earnings and company profits continues, the latter in spite of sterling's rise.

Even so, although City economists expect this year's debt repayment to be larger than the Treasury's £3.2 billion projection, a slowdown in the economy could mean that the £3.6 billion repayment of 1987-88 represents the high point of the borrowing cycle. In 1986-87, the Government had to borrow £3.4 billion.

"People are beginning to think in terms of a slowdown but the evidence is still tentative," said Mr John Shepperd, an economist at Warburg Securities. "If there is a slowdown the PSBR will suffer but the Chancellor may have been cautious in his projections."

The City has assumed that the baseline for the 1988-89 PSBR will be represented by the Treasury's £3.2 billion projection, after recent official underestimates. Mr Mark Brown, an economist at Phillips & Drew, said that on "conservative" assumptions, there should be a debt repayment of £4.5 billion this year.

The £3.6 billion repayment of public sector debt in 1987-88 signalled the Treasury's third underestimate of the strength of tax revenues.

In the March 1987 Budget, the Chancellor projected a £4 billion public sector borrowing requirement for 1987-88. In the Autumn Statement last November this was revised down to £1 billion, and finally, in the Budget on March 15, the Treasury estimated a £3.1 billion PSBR surplus, or debt repayment.

The outturn announced yesterday means that borrowing in 1987-88 was £7.6 billion lower than the Treasury first estimated. The PSBR in March alone was £3.8 billion, against City expectations of about £3.5 billion.

The 1987-88 debt repayment was the first since 1969-70 when Mr Roy (now Lord) Jenkins was Chancellor. Treasury officials said that the 1969-70 repayment of £0.6 billion would represent £3.4 billion in present-day prices, apparently giving Mr Lawson the prize for the most prudent management of the public finances.

But the 1987-88 repayment incorporated £5.1 billion of privatization receipts and, as a percentage of GDP last year's surplus was less than 1 per cent, compared with 1.25 per cent in 1969-70.

The financial markets were subdued yesterday. Gilts fell by about half a point, with concern over the March money supply figures, due today. Market expectations are that narrow money, M0, will show a 12-month growth rate of more than 6 per cent, and that bank lending will show a rise of about £3 billion.

Hodgson Holdings issue flops

The £20 million share placing by Hodgson Holdings, the funeral directors, to pay for its takeover drive has flopped.

Ninety per cent of the issue has been left with sub-underwriters.

The placing of new ordinary and convertible preference shares at 230p each compared with a market price at the time of 248p. Since then the shares have fallen to last night's 210p. As a result there were offers for just 224,769 units or 10.12 per cent.

Bank job cuts

Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce is restructuring its London-based investment arm following the pending acquisition of Wood Gundy Inc and is laying off 124 staff.

Parambe rise

Parambe, the investment company and art dealer, made pretax profits of £160,000 in 1987, up from £139,000 the previous year. A final dividend of 0.95p lifts the total by 0.1p to 1.45p.

B&J advance

Brown & Jackson, the toiletries distributor, turned in pretax profits of £661,000 for 1987, compared with £21,000 a year ago. Net earnings rose to 1.7p a share, against 2.23p loss last time.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	
Dow Jones	1995.86 (–3.64)*
Tokyo	
Nikkei Average	26864.09 (+207.09)
Hong Kong:	
Hang Seng	2578.44 (–15.49)
Amsterdam: Gen	247.0 (–1.5)
Sydney: AO	1430.4 (–21.4)
Frankfurt:	
Commerzbank	1388.4 (–9.7)
Brussels:	
General	4682.3 (–23.5)
Paris: CAC	300.4 (–0.8)
Zurich: SKA Gen	451.2 (–2.7)
London:	
FT–A All-Share	920.88 (–4.91)
FT–"500"	1013.54 (–6.36)
FT. Gold Mines	216.4 (–1.7)
FT. Fixed interest	97.90 (–0.41)
FT. Govt Secs	91.09 (–0.22)
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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:	
Christies Intnl	561½p (+17p)
Storehouse	286½p (+12p)
Low & Bonar	297p (+12p)
CE Heath	385p (+13p)
Pearl	453½p (+16p)
Chesterfield	650p (+15p)
Bank of Wales	60p (+10p)
Photo-Me	410p (+10p)
Castle Comm	215p (+10p)
Yellowhammer	163½p (+11p)
Shiloh	276p (+13p)
UK Land	597½p (+10p)
FALLS:	
Conder Group	292½p (–10p)
Taylor Woodrow	434p (–11p)
Rowntree	727p (–11p)
Henderson Admin	655p (–15p)
Reckitt & Colman	838½p (–16p)
Glaxo	956½p (–11p)
N Hay	358p (–10p)
Laporte	383p (–9p)
Closing prices	

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8%
3-month Interbank 8⅛-8%
3-month eligible bills: $7^{25}/_{32}$-$7^{23}/_{32}$% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 7⅞%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.85-5.83%*
30-year bonds $97^{15}/_{16}$-$97^{31}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8940	£: $1.8932*
£: DM3.1478	$: DM1.6632*
£: SwFr2.6024	$: SwFr1.3750*
£: FFr10.6954	$: FFr5.6505*
£: Yen234.57	$: Yen123.92*
£: Index:78.6	$: Index:92.1
ECU £0.659217	SDR £0.732835

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $458.00 pm-$457.40
close $456.25-456.75 (£241.00-241.50)
New York:
Comex $457.40-457.90*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (May) pm $16.70bbl ($17.31)
* Denotes latest trading price

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★★★★★★

Queen's Awards for 'heavies'

By David Young

The latest Queen's Awards for export and technology, announced today, show that the heavy end of Britain's industry is again taking a leading part in the scheme, with winners from the high-technology metals and heavy mining equipment industries.

The City is also represented, with one stockbroker winning an award for its earnings in Japan. The designers of the pocket telephone, beloved of the new breed of City operators, have also won an award.

The aviation, medical supply, textile and computer industries are also represented among the 102 export and 43 technology winners. A total of 985 companies applied for awards, but many were rejected because they could not meet the strict criteria of showing a "substantial and sustained" improvement in their export performance.

Among the winners is a three-man company from Grimsby, Humberside, which exports frozen fish; a shortbread maker in the Scottish Highlands, and a company which makes ornaments in the shape of small pottery cottages, and which has grown, in six years, from a business employing seven people working in a converted stable block, to one employing 520 in three factories in Cumbria.

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Suchard silent on Rowntree

By Our City Staff

Top executives of Suchard, the Swiss chocolate company, declined to take the wrapping off their plans for Rowntree, the British confectionery group in which they have bought a 14.9 per cent stake, when they met City analysts yesterday.

Suchard – represented by Mr Robert Jaunich, the vice-president and Mr Johann Widmer, the treasurer – outlined its future strategy, but would not say whether Rowntree featured in its long-term plans. They singled out the Far East and the United States as likely areas of expansion.

The meeting, arranged before Suchard launched last week's dawn raid on Rowntree, attracted more than 70 analysts.

Suchard has said it intends to buy another 10 per cent of Rowntree, but has a ceiling of 630p on the price it is prepared to pay. Under Takeover Panel rules it was free to continue buying yesterday, but Rowntree shares remained well above this level, closing 11p down at 737p.

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Chemist calls for EGM on Unichem

By Michael Tate

Mr John Newbould, a chemist, will today formally ask for an extraordinary general meeting of Unichem members to vote on a resolution to keep the pharmaceutical group a friendly society.

Mr Newbould, aged 45 and a founder member of Unichem, which is an industrial co-operative, claims to have received letters of support from more than 500 of his fellow shareholders, enough, he believes, to requisition a special meeting. His request will made by letter today.

Unichem has been in turmoil since the beginning of January when its chief executive, Mr Peter Dodd, launched a share discount scheme designed to fatten the business up for a flotation

This prompted complaints by its main quoted rivals, AAH and Macarthy, to the Department of Trade and Industry and the Office of Fair Trading, and, eventually, brought takeover proposals from Macarthy.

A bitter war of words has been fought, and the 4,000 or so independent pharmacists who collectively own Unichem have been deluged with literature on the conflicting arguments. But they have become increasingly frustrated at the lack of interest in their views.

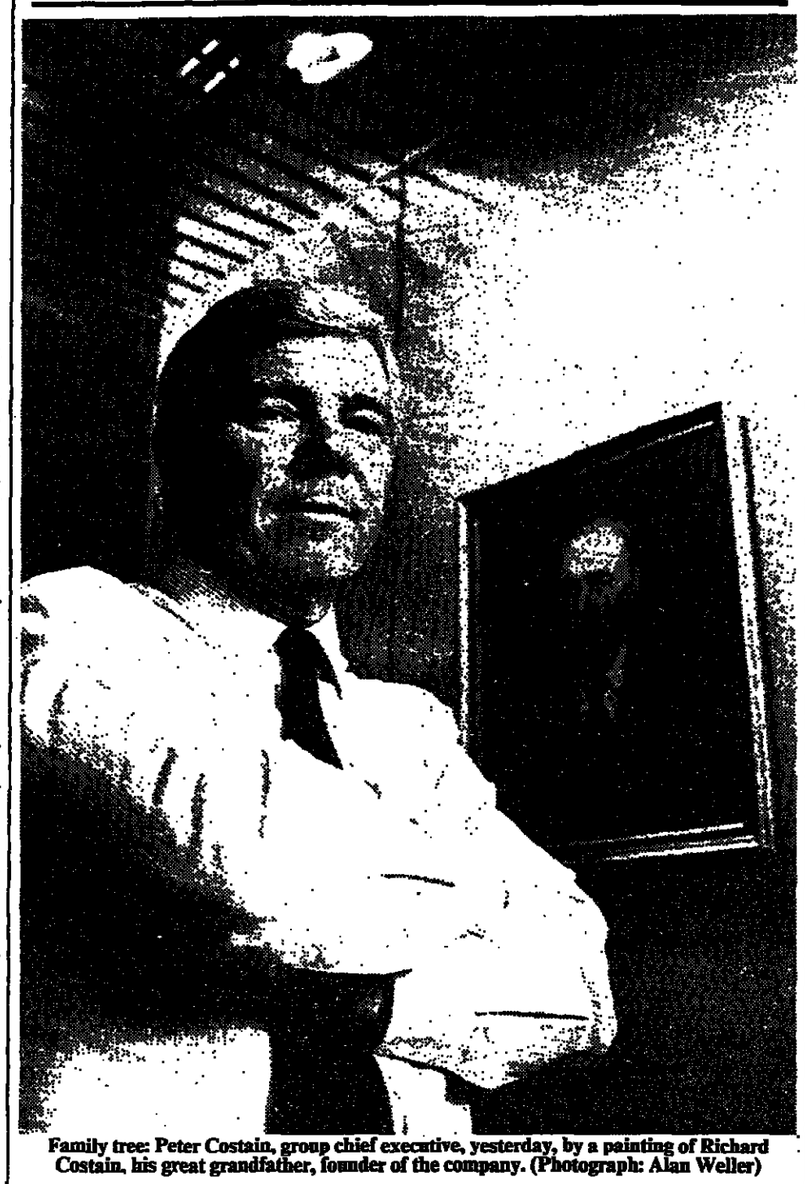
"Many of us have loyally supported Unichem for many years, only to find all of a sudden that we are faced with becoming a public company ... and at a time when the market is declining," said Mr Newbould

Mr Nicholas Ward, chairman of Macarthy, which has preferred to delay its own campaign until the DTI and the OFT have pronounced on Unichem's controversial scheme, welcomed Mr Newbould's move.

"His initiative doesn't surprise me at all. It demonstrates further how wrong the Unichem board were not to put their plans, and indeed our plans, before their members."

At the centre of storm: Dodd

Family firm builds £66.2m profits



Family tree: Peter Costain, group chief executive, yesterday, by a painting of Richard Costain, his great grandfather, founder of the company. (Photograph: Alan Weller)

Costain joins the band of power station operators

By Alexandra Jackson

Costain Group has joined the growing band of companies planning to build and operate power stations.

A site on the South coast of England has been identified and Costain, together with its partner, an American engineering company, is in advanced talks with the Central Electricity Generating Board.

The capacity of the power station is unlikely to be more than 600 megawatts, according to Mr Peter Costain, the group chief executive. Although it is not going to be nuclear powered, it has not yet been decided whether it will be fuelled by gas, coal, or coal and oil combined. Further details should be released within the next six months.

Costain is also finalizing details to design, build and operate a smaller, 60MW power station in Australia. This aims to supply the New South Wales Electricity Commission and will use coal from one of Costain's mines in the area. Both projects will seek outside investors.

Costain satisfied the market by announcing pretax profits up from £64.3 million to £66.2 million. These results were achieved in spite of providing up to £6.5 million to cover an outstanding claim on a Glasgow Hospital contract and possible losses on work in London's Royal Docks.

Sales advanced from £866 million to £970 million. A higher tax charge and increased share capital squeezed earnings per share from 27.5p to 25.7p. A final dividend of 6p was declared, making 9.65p for the year (8.75p).

Costain is making an open offer and placing of 10.1 million shares at 295p to raise £29 million net of expenses. This is to cover the cost of acquiring the outstanding 33 per cent minority in Costain Australia. At the end of March, Costain made a cash offer at Aus$3.80 per Costain Australia share, totalling Aus$72.2 million (£28.5 million).

Mr Costain said the 16 per cent advance in the order book to £500 million masked a 46 per cent increase in Britain. "I am more optimistic about the prospects for the group during 1988 than I have been for some time." he said.

Mr Costain said he had no recent contact with Trafalgar House which owns 6.9 per cent of the equity.

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Lloyd's groups reach accord

By Alison Eadie

Two warring Lloyd's syndicates have reached a compromise agreement that could pave the way for a wider settlement covering 32 Lloyd's syndicates and potential claims of more than £250 million.

RHM Outhwaite, a Lloyd's managing agent, has agreed that its syndicate 661 will pay syndicate 620, owned by Wellington Underwriting Agencies, just under $50 million (£26 million) in full and final settlement of all its liabilities. The payment covers all reported claims, plus a small additional payment, and then caps Outhwaite's liability to further claims.

Outhwaite has been contesting its liability to meet claims under the run-off reinsurance policies it wrote for other syndicates in 1982, because it said the contracts were placed without adequate background disclosure. The policies cover claims relating to asbestosis and pollution in the US, the scale of which has taken the whole Lloyd's market by surprise.

Outhwaite has already put £248 million into reserves against potential claims, and has been unable to close the 1982 accounts of syndicate 661. Lloyd's syndicates are trying to finalize their accounts before the end of April and Outhwaite's reserves are expected to need considerable boosting.

A total of 13 Lloyd's syndicates are in dispute with Outhwaite, out of the 32 that bought run-off policies. One dispute has already reached the courts, six more are at the arbitration stage and a further six moving towards official dispute.

Roberts & Hiscox, the underwriting agency that has taken legal action against Outhwaite, told its names that it was ridiculous to suggest that all the underwriters who bought reinsurance from Outhwaite were aware of the problems of asbestosis and pollution and only Outhwaite was not. Despite the legal action, R&H is thought to be behind the compromise settlement.

The council of Lloyd's, while not officially involved in the dispute, is understood to be in favour of the settlement. If the other syndicates reach similar agreements, Outhwaite will have no further liability to claims that have not yet been reported. Of the 32 policies written, 26 had no upper limit, leaving Outhwaite liable to potentially limitless claims.

The syndicates that bought the policies will have to foot the bill for future claims if they accept payment from Outhwaite only for those which have been notified.

New chief for AG Stanley

By Joe Joseph

Mr Phillip Jeffrey, who became a 9.11 per cent shareholder in AG Stanley Holdings when he sold his Jacoa do-it-yourself retailing group to Stanley last August, is becoming non-executive deputy chairman.

The move will greatly strengthen the boardroom muscle of Stanley, the FADS and Home Charm stores group, during the hostile takeover bid it currently faces from Ward White. But Stanley denies the move was triggered to buy Mr Jeffrey's allegiance.

Mr Jeffrey's arrival, accompanied by the appointment of Mr David Arundale as another non-executive director, will boost the board's stake in Stanley from 8.4 per cent to 19.3 per cent.

End of a global debt collector

By Cliff Feltham

One of the most successful debt collection agencies in the world is to close. The Council of Foreign Bondholders says its 120-year campaign to shame, chivvy and cajole overseas governments into settling their debts is over.

The body has helped extract more than £1,000 million from defaulting governments through the years. Few regimes have escaped its relentless pursuit. Countries in the East and the West have succumbed to international pressure and, often after decades of negotiation, agreed to redeem the colourful bonds issued by their predecessors – which might otherwise have been useful only as adornments to lampshades.

But now the council – which despite its impressive title has been run by a part-time manager and secretary from an office in High Street, Bromley – says last year's agreement with China and Bulgaria brings its work to an end.

In its own obituary accompanying last year's annual report, the council says it has been instrumental in the settlement of defaults on the bonded debts of nearly all the countries of Europe and Central and South America, as well as Japan and more recently Rhodesia (Zimbabwe).

"In some cases debtor governments have insisted on treating only with the British Government (the recent agreements with the USSR, China and Bulgaria are examples), but the council have usually been active behind the scenes."

The council, which was set up in 1868, is asking the Department of Trade and Industry for permission to proceed into liquidation.

Mr Eric French, a former Bank of England official who is manager of the council, says: "We have really come to the end of the road with defaults. Many people who bought bonds issued by governments years ago were private individuals. More recently financial institutions have taken over as the main providers of the debt, and they can probably look after their own affairs."

The council has chalked up some notable victories for bondholders. British holders of 150-year-old South American war bonds shared in a £1 million payout after lengthy negotiations. The money was raised in London and used to finance a war against the Spanish in Ecuador.

But the council is signing off with a note of regret. Mississippi still owes nearly $7 million (£3.7 million) on 6 per cent Planters' State Bonds which should have been repaid in 1831, and Union Bank Bonds which were due in 1838. The council notes sourly: "Over the years successive letters from the council to the Governors of the State have not been answered." The file will also be left open on loans issued in 1927 by the City of Dresden and the Free State of Saxony, both now in East Germany.

The council was created during the era of gunboat diplomacy, but notes in its report: "Happily the council have never found it necessary to ask HM Government to go to war on their behalf."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Clinton Cards floats at £20.3m valuation

Clinton Cards, a leading retailer of greeting cards, is coming to the stock market via a partial placing and offer for sale which values the company at £20.3 million. A total of 2.17 million shares is being placed with institutions and a further 1.17 million are offered for sale at 150p. The flotation of 24.7 per cent of Clinton's equity will raise £5 million, of which £3 million will go to the company and £2 million to existing shareholders.

At the end of January Clinton had 77 outlets based mainly in the South-east and East Anglia. Mr Don Lewin, the chairman and managing director, said he intended to continue the expansion of the number of shops and was confident that the prospects for continued sales and profits growth were excellent. Clinton made pretax profits in the year to the end of January of £1.6 million on a turnover of £13.2 million.

Profits soar at KPG

Kentish Property Group, which was floated on the stock market last July, reported pretax profits of £3.9 million for last year, up from £1 million. Turnover rose from £7 million to £19.6 million. KPG, which expects help from the Government's inner city initiatives, is planning to build 600 apartments and houses for first-time buyers in east London.

Southend Property up

Southend Property Holdings — formerly Southend Stadium — pushed pretax profits up from £208,000 to £2.5 million last year. Turnover rose from £860,000 to £20 million. The company, which recently completed the £70 million takeover of Hampton Trust, is paying a second interim dividend of 0.2p a share, making a total of 0.3p — double the previous year.

Glaxo's Japan centre

Glaxo Holdings, the pharmaceutical group, is spending up to £42 million on establishing a research and development centre in Japan as part of its £1 billion investment programme. It is looking for a suitable site at the Tsukuba science city, north of Tokyo, and negotiations are under way with the Japanese authorities, Sir Paul Girolami, the chairman, said in Tokyo yesterday.

Building should start next year and take about three years, costing 8 billion to 10 billion yen (£34 million to £42 million). The centre is expected to employ 200 research scientists, rising eventually to 300. Glaxo's massive investment programme on research and development was announced to the London investment community last week.

CPU registers £1.2m profits

CPU Computers, the USM-quoted computer distributor, which is 90 per cent owned by the French group SCOA, made pretax profits of £1.2 million in 1987. This compares with £435,000 earned in the six months to December 1986, before a change in the company's year end. There is again no dividend — CPU has not made a payment since the end of 1984.

Fire payment to Bowthorpe

Bowthorpe Holdings received £1.95 million in consequential loss compensation in 1987, after an arson attack in August 1986, at its Hasting plant. The company received £546,000 insurance money in 1986 and says further receipts under its claim are due this year. Mr Ray Parsons, the chairman, said negotiations with several US businesses are under way.

£14m pharmacy deal

AAH, the pharmaceuticals supplier and fuel distributor, has bought W Jamieson (Chemists) for a maximum of £14 million in a move which raises the number of franchised retail pharmacies operated by the group to 50. Jamieson operates 29 shops in the south Yorkshire area and north Derbyshire. The vendors, a family, are taking up to 4.75 million new AAH shares — which they have said they will hold and which gives them a stake of about 7 per cent — and a maximum of £1.4 million in cash.

The final consideration is dependent on profits, which are expected to be not less than £1.6 million in the last financial year and net assets, but AAH has already issued 4.28 million shares and paid £1.26 million. The stores will trade under the group's Vantage banner, the venture it set up in 1987.

French deal for Kwik-Fit

***Kwik-Fit Holdings*, the tyre and exhaust fitting group, is buying 80 per cent of Tours Pneus, a privately-owned French tyre retailer, for £5.6 million cash, with an option to purchase the balance. The company operates 17 outlets in western France and made pretax profits of £1.24 million in 1987. The price for the rest of the company will be based on future profits but is expected to be about £1.4 million.**

MTM makes US purchase

***MTM, the former Marlborough* Technical Management group, has bought Traybor, the chemical intermediates manufacturer of Rock Hill, South Carolina, for $7.35 million (£3.89 million). The deal also includes the 100-acre site on which Traybor is based and offers "considerable scope for expansion," says MTM. MTM has paid $5 million already, with the balance due by the end of this year.**

TEMPUS

Hawker Siddeley's hidden charms

It is awfully hard to get excited about Hawker Siddeley. Its products, broadly defined as electrical and diesel motors and generators, are hidden from view beneath their housings, and are usually only noticed when they fail to function.

But as modern life could not continue without them, we cannot ignore the leading manufacturers just because they seem a little dull. And anyway, perhaps they are not quite as dull as a 7 per cent profits and 9 per cent earnings advance might imply.

Closer examination of the figures reveals significant profits growth in four of the five main business segments. In particular, diesel engineering nearly doubled its profit contribution to £13.7 million. This represents a nearly full recovery to profit levels prior to the oil price slump.

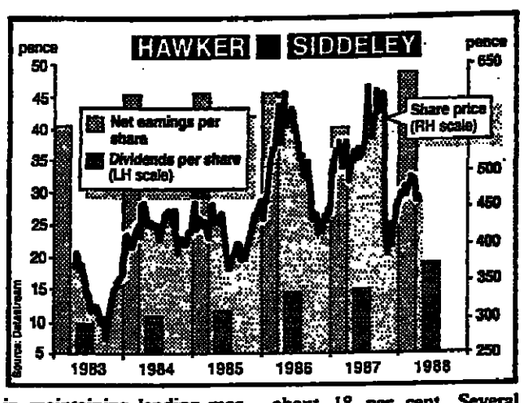
Its Middle Eastern sales have been replaced with new orders from elsewhere, including Europe and the Far East. The group is now about to launch a new range of air-cooled and water-cooled engines to compete with Japanese machines.

The only division where the performance has been less than satisfactory has been specialized equipment, whose contribution fell 7 per cent to £40.6 million. This segment should improve this year after the sale of the unprofitable Nova Scotian rail wagon manufacturer.

Indeed, parts of this division did well, especially the agriculture and forestry division in Canada and the US which makes sawmill equipment, and Hawker de Havilland, the aerospace equipment manufacturer in Australia.

But currency had a £7 million adverse effect on the translation of group profits into sterling. Had it not been for currency movements, earnings would have risen by nearer 15 per cent.

After yesterday's 7p price rise to 467p, the shares are on a prospective multiple of 8 and a yield of 6 per cent. The balance sheet is strong, and investors who buy now for the yield will benefit in the future from any turnround in the dollar.



Bank of Scotland

Bank of Scotland has reason to be pleased with itself. A growth in operating profits of 32 per cent proved it was not simply relying on a minimal Latin American exposure to look good compared with the English clearers.

Such percentage profits growth is well ahead of NatWest and most of the other English banks. The bank has been singularly successful in maintaining lending margins, despite a swift increase in assets, by juggling its mix of business.

By raising the amount of personal lending over the last few years, the bank has managed to raise its average lending margin from 1.7 per cent to 2 per cent in an increasingly competitive environment.

This was achieved largely by boosting the mortgage book, which represents some 21 per cent of the bank's British domestic lending.

As a result its personal lending has risen from some 20 per cent to about 40 per cent of its British business, with a commensurate fall in less profitable commercial banking.

The bank has also kept commission income growing at the same rate as assets — about 18 per cent. Several schemes are beginning to pay dividends. The Taps system for paying state pensions to expatriates is now in profit, and the bank is also able to process its own Visa card transactions instead of paying Barclaycard to do it.

New links with the building societies look like turning the credit card processing operation into a useful profit centre.

The results are a vindication of the bank's policy of finding ways to expand other than through more and more branches. For example, it has successfully attracted mortgage borrowers, half of them in England where it has very few branches.

It has understandably shied away from buying estate agencies as a substitute branch network, thus avoiding further unnecessary expense.

The only slight worry is the continuing heavy increase in costs, up 14 per cent if the benefits of the pension holiday are excluded. But new businesses require new staff — the Visa processing centre alone took on 400 more people — and the growth of expenses is no more than that of most other clearers.

Bank of Scotland must, therefore, feel somewhat miffed that the bank sector as a whole is so depressed by Latin American debt problems and monster rights issues. Its consolation must be that with a p-e of about eight it has the highest rating of any clearer, and deserves it.

Costain

It says something about the long-term nature of contracting that Costain's 1987 results include a £1.5 million deduction for a contract completed in 1969. At least the other big provision, of nearly £5 million for losses on the Royal Docks contract, may be reclaimed.

The quality of the construction order book has improved, especially in Britain. Extraordinary charges of £5.9 million primarily covered the engineering and construction activities. Loss-elimination and benefits from restructuring should boost E&C profits.

Overseas construction profits have fallen from 50 per cent in 1983 to 9 per cent in 1987. Costain has done well to replace these earnings.

Profits from property sales were £12 million last year with a 27 per cent increase in rental income. Costain now has £154 million of investment properties and £400 million of development properties.

Even bearing in mind the £120 million earmarked to spend on the housing, property and mining portfolio this year, the unwelcome presence on the share register of Trafalgar House may have clinched Costain's decision to fund the purchase of its Australian minority by a placing, thus diluting the holding.

Trafalgar House's intentions are unclear as, apart from mining, its activities mirror those of its prey. To buy Costain would be an expensive way of getting a share of the Channel tunnel.

Moreover, with Costain set to increase 1988 profits by at least 20 per cent, to more than £80 million, Trafalgar House may find its target moving out of reach. It may have to be satified with being one of Costain's many shareholders.

STOCK MARKET

Storehouse leaps on takeover talk

The retail sector was put on alert last night after talk swept the market in late trading that another bid for Storehouse, the British Home Stores and Habitat-Mothercare retailer, is on the way.

Storehouse responded to the suggestions with a leap of 26p to 300p as nearly 9 million shares changed hands. Dealers were talking of a possible dawn raid on the shares today or even a full bid.

At least two consortiums are thought to be putting together an offer with the names of Mr Robert Maxwell, the newspaper publisher and Dr Ashraf Marwan, the Egyptian financier, both prominent. There was even talk that Lonrho, the international trading group, might be keen to get in on the act after losing the battle for control of House of Fraser.

Storehouse has been the subject of intense speculation in recent weeks and City men are said to be unhappy with the group's performance since the original merger of BHS and Habitat-Mothercare. Last year, Mr Tony Clegg's Mountleigh bought a small stake and expressed interest in making an agreed bid but no formal offer was made.

Hoping to capitalize on the institutions' dissatisfaction, Benlox, the small industrial conglomerate, launched an audacious, £2.1 billion bid a few weeks later which was unanimously rejected by the City.

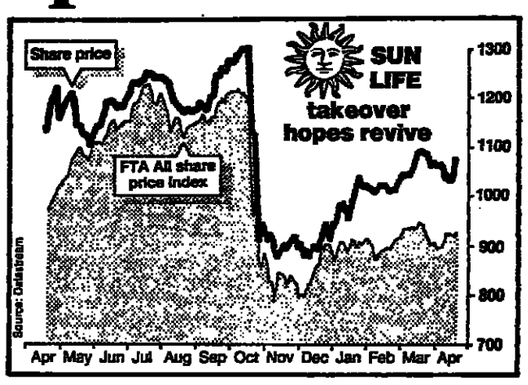
The rest of the equity market suffered another dull day as investors showed a marked reluctance to open new positions ahead of today's money supply figures, particularly with the account coming to an end tomorrow.

Prices drifted lower on lack of support and on sporadic profit-taking. The FT-SE 100 share index closed 12.1 points lower at 1,786.8, having been 15.7 points down at one stage, while the FT 30 share index ended 10.3 points off at 1,419.4.

Gilt-edged stocks were also apprehensive ahead of today's lending figures and finished with modest losses ranging to £¼.

Hawker Siddeley responded warmly to the figures, showing pretax profits up from £152.1 million to £163.2 million. The company was expected to meet a number of fund managers at a seminar arranged by Albert E Sharp, the Birmingham-based broker, last night to discuss the figures. Further meetings have been arranged with fund managers later today. The shares rose by 8p to 468p.

Most City analysts are already forcasting profits for the current year of about £180 million — after allowing for currency fluctuations — where the prospective p/e falls to about 9.



John Crowther, the textile group, enjoyed a rise of 3p to 189p on a turnover of 1.6 million shares following whispers in the market-place that Thomas Robinson, the fast-growing industrial conglomerate headed by Mr Graham Rudd, was lining up a counterbid. Crowther is already the subject of an agreed, £215 million bid from Mr John Ashcroft's acquisitive Coloroll, the soft furnishings and wallpaper group and this week has found itself embroiled in a controversy about share options granted after it had received the first tentative approach from Coloroll.

Thomas Robinson is said to have already bought a stake in Crowther — paying above the one-for-one terms from Coloroll — and may now be putting together a cash offer. If the counterbid goes ahead, Mr Rudd will no doubt turn to advice from his brother, Nigel, *who has helped to turn* Williams Holdings into an important force through a number of acquisitions.

The life assurance sector was boosted by talk of a bid for Sun Life, the only remaining quoted, pure life assurance company.

The Sun Life share price had been chased up to £11.60 in late trading on Tuesday amid talk of a bid from Transatlantic, which already owns a 25 per cent stake in the company. But it ran into profit-taking, closing 35p cheaper at £11.25 in a thin market.

There has been no love lost between Sun Life and Transatlantic, which is associated with the Liberty Life Group of South Africa. Matters came to a head last year when Mr Peter Grant, Sun Life's chairman, successfully staved off an attempt by Transatlantic to gain boardroom representation.

Dealers have been bracing themselves for a full bid ever since.

The speculation also boiled over into Pearl, 15p higher at 453p, on revived hopes that Mr Larry Adler's FAI Insurances will soon use its 6.6 per cent stake in the group to launch a bid.

Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	1,764	Coats	905	Laporte	816	Royal Ins	376
Abbey	2,022	CU	1,968	L&G	626	Saatchi	749
Alld-Lyons	3,308	Cons Gold	247	Lloyds	1,516	Sainsbury	621
Amstrad	1,249	Cookson	123	Lonrho	805	Scot & N	424
ASDA	1,463	Courtaulds	1,636	Lucas	292	Sears	3,554
AB Foods	202	Dalgety	531	Magnet	434	Sedgwick	1,046
Argyll	389	Dee	3,228	M&S	745	Shell	749
BAA	5,590	Dixons	1,458	Maxwell Cm	801	Smith & N	1,875
BET	1,838	ECC	17	MEPC	1,409	Smith WH	394
BTR	696	Enterprise	408	Metal Box	307	STC	687
BAT	1,065	Ferranti	1,740	Midland	2,789	Stan Chart	41
Barclays	3,861	Fisons	2,270	NatWest	838	Storehse	5,505
Bass	395	Gen Acc	17	Next	2,742	Sun Alliance	588
Beecham	1,923	GEC	6,162	Nth Food	120	T & N	339
Beazer	280	Glaxo	959	P&O	655	Tarmac	2,291
BICC	219	Globe	73	Pearl	1,370	Tate & Lyle	146
Blue Arrow	970	Granada	575	Pearson	151	TSB	5,827
Blue Circle	404	Grand Met	456	Pilkington	3,006	Tesco	1,102
BOC	1,095	GUS 'A'	66	Plessey	1,108	Thorn EMI	235
Boots	379	GRE	427	Prudential	567	Trafalgar	631
BPB	576	GKN	186	Racal	3,906	THF	2,612
Br Aero	138	Guinness	792	Rk Hovis	1,291	Ultramar	1,289
Br Airways	1,869	Hamm 'A'	327	Rank	462	Unigate	1,413
Br Comm	697	Hanson	4,092	R&C	208	Unilever	2,165
Br Gas	10,000	Hawker	2,282	Redland	20	United Bis	2,821
Br Petrol	3,259	Hillsdown	632	Reed	596	Utd News	445
Br Telecm	6,982	IMI	711	Reuters	942	Wellcome	777
Britoil	51	ICI	605	RMC Gp	604	Whitbrd	258
Bunzl	3,468	Inchcape	464	RTZ	394	Williams	411
Burmah	2,427	Jaguar	260	R-Royce	4,103	Willis Fab	1,000
Burton	680	Lasmo	1,071	Rothmn 'B'	22	Wimpey G	383
C&W	796	Ladbroke	579	Rowntree	3,716	Woolworth	2,846
Cadbury	1,375	Land Sec	2,110	Royal Bank	563	Equities page 31	

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
April 18	April 29	July 14	July 25

Call options were taken out on: 20/4/88 Wheway, Owners Abroad, Delta Group, Suter, Singer & Friedlander, Control Securities, Norfolk Capital, Underwoods, Blacks Leisure, Clyde Petroleum, Dares Estates, Eurotunnel, BOMS, Stormguard.
Puts & Calls: Aurora, Western Motor, Suter.

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

AMI Healthcare (215p)	270 –2
Acre Oil	191 –3
Archer (AJ) (130p)	159 –1
Assoc Nursing	136
Aukett Ass (95p)	101
BWD (95p)	95 +1
Brit Pet P/P	77 –2½
Central Motor (80p)	96 –2
Freeman Gp	220 –1
Gardner (DC)	153 +2
Holders Tech (140p)	140 –1
Hughes (HT)	77
ISA Intl (80p)	125 –1
Inshops (52p)	61
Lon Forfaiting (160p)	159 –2
MTL Inst New	74 –1
Merc Mant New	84 –1
Morris Ashby (90p)	95
Norfolk House (100p)	105 –1
Pennine Optical	49
Psion	119 +1
Reliable Props	£15½ +1
Resort Hotels (14p)	17½ –½
River&Merc Am Inc	102
Selective Ass	74 +1
Shaftsbury (180p)	155
Shanks McEwan (650p)	805 –5
Shorco	134
TGI (130p)	133
Titon Hldgs (80p)	86
Total Systems	85
UK Paper (135p)	140 –1
Vosper Thorny (160p)	180 –5

RIGHTS ISSUES

Compsoft N/P	8
F&H N/P	40 –1
Kilen-E-Ze N/P	40
Logica N/P	53 +4
Lucas N/P	27 –11
Persimmon N/P	39 –1
System Des N/P	23½
Tootal N/P	2 –¼
Wickes N/P	37 +2
Williams (J) N/P	10 +½

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To fix the remuneration of Directors.

To pass, if thought fit, the following Resolution recommended to the Members by the Directors:

"That the remuneration of the Auditors for the current year be fixed by the Directors of the Society".

To transact any other ordinary business proper to an Annual General Meeting.

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5 April 1988

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The application lists will open at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 27th April, 1988 and may be closed at any time thereafter.

21st April, 1988

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Bank of Scotland operating profits up 31% at £157.8m

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Bank of Scotland yesterday announced a 31 per cent increase in operating profits for last year, from £119.8 million to £157.8 million, although an exceptional boost to bad debt provisions dragged the pretax result down to £132.6 million — a rise of only 11 per cent on 1986.

The bank is also proposing to carry out a one-for-two capitalization issue to increase the marketability of its shares, particularly for smaller investors.

The shares rose only 2p after the figures to 512p, despite a 14.5 per cent dividend increase to 18.9p.

Bank of Scotland added £25 million to its special provisions against Third World loans.

This is a tiny amount compared with the massive sums put aside by the English clearing banks last year, because BoS's exposure to developing countries is relatively small at £233 million.

The bank reduced its exposure slightly during the year through debt/equity swaps and other techniques. BoS said that its provision cover for problem country loans was now 33 per cent.

The group's balance sheet grew by 18 per cent to £11 billion during the year, as lending both to personal and commercial customers remained strong.

Its mortgage book increased by a third during the year to £1.3 billion. Half its new mortgage lending came from England, and the bank said that all of its business south of the border was growing faster than its traditional business in Scotland.

Commission and fee income also rose in line with the increase in lending to £119.9 million. More than a third came from bank charges. BoS also saved on fees paid to other institutions by taking over from Barclaycard the processing of its own Visa credit card.

It has reached agreement with Halifax Building Society to process the Halifax's credit card when that is launched later this year.

The bank's main subsidiaries also performed strongly, wtih North West Securities, the consumer finance arm, contributing £27.1 million, up from £25.1 million.

Profits from British Linen Bank, the merchant banking operation, rose £800,000 to £8.6 million.

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Laporte rises 17% to £75.2m

By Alison Eadie

Laporte Industries, the speciality chemicals manufacturer, made pretax profits of £75.2 million in the 53 weeks to January 3, a rise of 17.1 per cent on sales 9.7 per cent higher at £463 million.

Earnings per share rose to 35.8p from 30.1p and the total dividend was increased to 12p from 10.25p.

Most of the profits growth was organic, with only a small contribution from acquisitions.

Adverse currency movements knocked £500,000 off profits, but Laporte was cushioned against the worst effects of the weak dollar because it buys dollar-priced raw materials for its British manufacturing operations.

Interox, the hydrogen peroxide producer in which Laporte has a 50 per cent stake, contributed £33.4 million to pretax profits, a rise of 9.5 per cent. Worldwide demand for hydrogen peroxide remained buoyant, Laporte said.

British trading profits rose 24.7 per cent and margins widened to 15.9 per cent from 14.5 per cent. Overseas trading profits rose 50 per cent and margins widened to 9.6 per cent from 6.9 per cent.

Despite capital expenditure of £17 million and acquisitions costing £33.2 million, Laporte finished the year with a small net cash position.

It expects to spend less on capital projects this year, but will continue its acquisitions programme.

Mr Ken Minton, the chief executive, said all the separate business areas achieved good growth and the trend had continued.

Date set for Ward court appeal

By Lawrence Lever

The Court of Appeal will hear an appeal on Monday by Mr Thomas Ward, the former Guinness director, against a high court ruling that he must repay £5.2 million to the drinks group.

The appeal concerns the payment by Guinness of £5.2 million to Mr Ward, via a company based in Jersey, after the success of Guinness's bid to take over the Distillers group.

After the Department of Trade investigation into Guinness was announced the company sued both Mr Ward and Mr Ernest Saunders, its former chairman, over the payment, and obtained a freezing order against Mr Saunders' assets in this country.

Following lengthy legal proceedings in Jersey and London the high court ruled last year that the payment was unlawful, and ordered Mr Ward to repay the money.

Mr Ward is appealing against this order.

His case is due to be heard in open court. While Guinness will oppose it, Mr Saunders is not involved in the appeal and will not be legally represented by counsel.

Three days have been set aside to hear the case, which will focus on points of law.

Mr Ward is also involved in settlement negotiations with Guinness, which are being conducted via lawyers in the United States. These include the £5.2 million action as well as other legal actions in the US.

The US actions concern Mr Ward's ownership of a flat in Washington's Watergate complex, documents held by Mr Ward's law practice and unpaid fees allegedly owed to the practice.

Ordered to repay: Thomas Ward, former Guinness director

Kalon Group slips to loss of £1.45m

By Colin Campbell

Kalon Group, the paint manufacturer, landed up in the red in the financial year ended December, plunging from a 1986 pretax profit of £4.92 million into a 1987 loss of £1.45 million — even though turnover advanced from £81 million to £86.9 million.

Kalon had earlier signalled there would be a loss for the year, and now confirms there will be no final dividend. It earlier passed the interim. Shareholders were last paid a dividend for the 1986 financial year, when they received a total of 1.38p a share.

However, recent steps, including reorganization and disposals, should lead to a stronger balance sheet, and on the trading side the first quarter's results show strong sales growth.

"Despite the potential disruptive effects of the reorganization, and subject to unforeseen circumstances, 1988 should see a marked improvement in the group's performance," the board says.

The group was hit in 1987 by adverse trading conditions and by management changes.

Heath subsidiary wins US lawsuit

By Our City Staff

CE Heath, the Lloyd's insurance broker, has won the latest round in the lawsuit against its Pinnacle Reinsurance subsidiary in Bermuda.

A US district court in Louisiana dismissed the lawsuit brought by the joint liquidators of Mentor Insurance on the grounds that Bermuda, not Louisiana, was the appropriate forum for the action. The liquidators have the right to appeal against the decision.

The liquidators of Mentor, a captive Bermuda insurance company which went bankrupt in June 1985, are suing over three time-and-distance insurance policies which Mentor took out with Pinnacle.

Pinnacle has always argued that the case should be heard in Bermuda. The liquidators opted for Louisiana because Mentor's owner, Ocean Drilling and Exploration Company, is domiciled there and because treble damages, plus punitive damages, can be sought in US courts.

Pinnacle's profits fell to £3.4 million from £4 million in CE Heath's half-yearly results to September 30.

Mersey Docks rises to £3.7m

Pretax profits at the revitalized Mersey Docks & Harbour Company rose from £2 million to £3.7 million in the year to December 31, on turnover up from £51.3 m to £53.9 m.

However, two of the factors responsible for the company's soaring share price last year — a £300 million Liverpool dockland development plan and a bid approach from Peel Holdings — have not yet born fruit.

Business rate of 38p in pound likely

By Colin Narbrough

The uniform business rate which the Government is introducing in two years time, to replace the wildly varying rates charged on commercial and industrial property, will be about 38p in the pound — the bottom end of the range Whitehall had anticipated.

This lower-than-expected figure, calculated by Herring, Son & Daw, a leading City firm of property valuers, was delivered yesterday to Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Environment Secretary, who is in charge of the controversial legislation on rates that has been given a rough ride in Parliament.

After the backbench revolt in the Commons this week over the community charge or "poll tax" that will displace the present system of rates on housing, the Government should welcome news that the uniform business rate is likely to be on the low side.

Its latest estimates had put the business rate as high as 42p, somewhat lower than earlier figures. The present national average poundage is 224p.

Poundage calculations assume that the Government take on business rates will remain broadly unchanged at the current annual level £8.9 billion in keeping with its commitment to fiscal neutrality. The Government is not expected to set an actual rate until early 1990.

The effect of the lower poundage will be offset by the revaluation of the rateable value of commercial properties, the first for 17 years, which will precede the new uniform rate.

Mr Nick Owen, chairman of Herring Son & Daw, identified the main factors behind the lower rate as the continued steep rise in property prices, which will form the basis of rateable values, while rate-capping had lowered local government spending.

While acknowledging the benefit the uniform rate would have in giving poorer regions a considerable cost advantage over wealthier areas, he said it could be argued it actually would do no more than replace Regional Development Grant.

Bubb goes to Morgan Stanley

Just two days after the insurance team walked out at beleaguered Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the stockbroking firm has been dealt an even more damaging blow. Top retail analyst Nick Bubb, who led Scrimgeour's legendary retail research team and was himself voted the number one stores analyst by *Insitutional Investor* in January, has resigned. Speaking yesterday afternoon from his new desk at rival American securities house Morgan Stanley, just hours after he had handed in his notice at Scrimgeour, Bubb, aged 33, told me: "I had been thinking about leaving for some time, but I promised not to rock the boat after Noel Hayes left. Lots of people have asked me why I'm going from one American house to another, but Morgan Stanley is the most Anglicized of them all — and I like the team spirit there. it's very much like Kemp Gee was in the old days." Scrimgeour had, he said, somehow "lost that spirit". Bubb, who had been with the firm for eight years and became a partner, officially starts at Morgan in a month's time, and will be an executive director. "I will be heading a team covering the retail sector," he says. "Morgan Stanley has covered food retailers before, but never stores. This is something new." His old Scrimgeour team — placed firmly at the top of the retail charts for at least a decade — is not leaving with him. Not yet, that is . . .

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Accounting on youth

Newly qualified accountants have never had it so good, according to a salary survey by the recruitment consultancy Accountancy Personal. They can currently command an annual salary of £17,000 in Central London, where demand outstrips supply. Older professionals, on the other hand, are apparently being ignored for senior positions in favour of young high-flyers. But before they get too cocky, the upwardly mobile should beware of each other. The survey predicts a "bulge" of high-flyers just below the top of the promotions pyramid, and concludes that anyone who has not made it by the watershed age of 33 probably never will. Harsh words, but probably true.

Going Dutch

The City has taken a novel fund-raising idea by the Dutch Cancer Reasearch Insitutute to its heart. The charity is offering for sale 275,000 10-year zero coupon bonds at par for 1,000 guilders (£290) each. It means that it has the use of your money, interest free, for 10 years, at the end of which, you have the capital sum returned. To increase the scheme's attraction, the bonds will be put into a draw once a month, with one lucky bond holder winning a million guilders (£290,000). At the blue-blooded broker Nivison Cantrade, five bonds were snapped up within hours of the offer being made yesterday.

"On a clear day, you can see five takeover bids being planned"

● **Not everything was fully prepared at the Department of Trade's Lancaster House launch of its campaign to get us ready for 1992. It was decided that Mrs Thatcher should be shown Spearhead, the DTI's single market database, which is supposed to give details of all proposed EEC legislation. The operator typed: "Get textile". "Textile does not appear in any item", responded Spearhead. "Get profession". "Profession does not occur in any item".**

Legal argument

The sedate legal world has, I hear, been thrown into turmoil by the recruiting tactics of Tarlo Lyons Randall Rose, a firm of solicitors based in Holborn, London. Instead of the usual job advertisements, placed in the *Law Society's Gazette*, Tarlo Lyons has written direct to more than a thousand young, qualified solicitors. Complaining that all law firms are now finding it increasingly difficult to recruit good solicitors because of "the increase in demand for legal services combined with the fact that the number of solicitors qualifying in recent years has remained virtually static", Tarlo Lyons partner David Ford, who wrote the letter, invites the addressees to apply for assistant solicitor positions in all its main departments — company, conveyancing, litigation and tax. But in so doing he has apparently incurred the wrath of a number of rival City firms, which claim that Tarlo Lyons is trying to "steal" staff by underhand methods. Ford has has now prepared a written statement denying that it was "setting about a large-scale poaching operation". "We have hitherto enjoyed the most excellent relations with our professional colleagues," Ford says, "and we had no intention or desire to damage their practices."

● **Another departure: Colin Mitchell, divisional director within Credit Suisse Buckmaster & Moore's corporate finance department, has quit of his own accord.**

Carol Leonard

COMMENT

Farmers does not want a shotgun marriage

January's polite courting by BAT Industries and an unwilling American sweetheart, Farmers Group, is about to turn into an acrimonious battle. In front of the American regulatory bodies and courts with all the attendent publicity, Farmers will fight with whatever ammunition it can muster.

Farmers' next round of attack will be on BAT's record, based on the guidelines of "competence, integrity, experience," with particular reference to Eagle Star America, sold by BATs within two years of purchase.

BATs can defend itself by saying that Eagle Star America was already under scrutiny by its own management well before BATs assumed ownership and that BATs in any case injected $100 million (£53 million) into Eagle Star America to make sure it was a viable business.

BATs had always known that it would take time and energy to win over Farmers, if only because of the innumerable statutory and regulatory hurdles it would have to cross to safisfy fully America's legal criteria.

And BATs would not deny that Farmers has been right to be legally alert and active, as its shareholders and policyholders would expect it to be, in fending off an unwanted bid approach.

But it is now three months on since the January 13 bid at $60 a share, later raised on March 3 to a qualified tender offer at $63 a share, and has said it would go higher in certain circumstances. But the frustration in having to cross so many legal and other minefields is beginning to show.

Both sides have been locked in almost daily court hearings since January, though the more significant dates in the bid timetable are the May 3 to May 6 State hearings in California, with judgement promised to be handed down on May 13, and Farmers' own shareholders' meeting on May 20, where a motion for Farmers management to reconsider its attitude to BATs is put. BATs would undoubtedly charge that Farmers management is being obstinate in refusing even to agree reasonable ground rules for a chairman-to-chairman meeting to iron out their differences.

BATs must be feeling especially aggrieved that third parties —who may yet turn out to be potential bidders— have been given information which it has been denied.

The wisdom and determination of BATS in wanting Farmers remains the same, and if Farmers had hoped to wear BATS down by delaying tactics, then it has read the situation wrong.

More gilt-edged optimism

Optimism is running away with some participants in the gilt-edged market. The Budget forecast of a £3.1 billion public sector debt repayment implied a £4.3 billion borrowing requirement in the traditionally fickle last month of the year.

It turned out to be an encouraging £3.8 billion. But the average market forecast was probably around £3.5 billion. Capel-Cure Myers predicted £3 billion and Greenwell Montagu favoured £2.9 billion, though there were smiles of satisfaction at Phillips & Drew.

Gilt-edged market-makers were booked as the losers in post-Big Bang competition. It has been tough (as the occasional withdrawal testifies), but turnover for the first three months of this year has been slightly higher than in 1987. Meanwhile, equity turnover, which put gilts into the shade last summer, fell away after the October crash.

No more than five firms, a fifth of the total, still dominate the gilt-edged market, probably accounting for two-fifths of the business. Rather more firms claim to be in this category.

BZW and Warburg Securities, which subsume the two old big gilt-edged jobbers, appear to have an uncontested lead. Swiss-owned Phillips & Drew has now found a seat on the top table, while James Capel and Greenwell Montagu have made a respectable showing. But, among other formerly or potentially powerful contestants, market opinion suggests that Kleinwort Grieveson has fallen away.

Among American-owned firms, Security Pacific's Hoare Govett and Chase Manhattan (which bought Laurie Milbank and Simon & Coates) both seem to have lost ground. By contrast Citicorp, which bought principally into equity brokers, has built a surprisingly strong position.

Ironically, gilt-edged dealers are looking forward to the impending arrival of Japan's Nomura Securities. For once, rivals appear to believe Nomura's claim that its retail marketing strength might expand demand rather than simply take away their business.

DIAMOND SERVICE

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HEATHROW - AMSTERDAM		AMSTERDAM - HEATHROW	
07.00	09.00	07.25	07.25
08.15	10.15	09.30	09.30
11.00	13.00	11.30	11.30
12.15	14.15	13.30	13.30
14.15	16.15	15.30	15.30
16.15	18.15	17.30	17.30
18.15	20.15	19.30	19.30
20.15	22.15	21.00	21.00

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THE MOST WEEKDAY FLIGHTS BETWEEN HEATHROW AND AMSTERDAM.

BRITISH MIDLAND

Unit trusts hit by aftermath of crash

By Vivien Goldsmith
Family Money Editor

Business is still dismal for the unit trust industry in the wake of last October's crash and in continuing nervous markets around the world.

The industry was saved from totally dull trading conditions in the first quarter of the year by investors bed-and-breakfasting their investments — that is selling them and buying them back to crystalize a gain or loss during the tax year.

But there were many investors who sold units and did not repurchase. Mr Roger Jennings, marketing director of M&G, the unit trust manager said: "There was rather a lot of bed and no breakfast."

In the quarter to the end of March £2.268 billion worth of units were sold, two thirds of the value of units sold in the same quarter last year. While £1.912 billion worth of units were cashed in, 16.9 per cent more than in the corresponding quarter last year.

The net result was an inflow of £355.4 million, less than a third of the net result for the first quarter of last year.

The net result for March of £57.7 million was about a third down on the net result for February. More unit trusts were sold in March than February, but these were greatly outweighed by the number of investors cashing in their units.

Call for checks on condition of ships

By Rodney Cowton
Transport Correspondent

Improved arrangements to ensure ships go to sea in a seaworthy condition were called for at a conference in London on the future of the British merchant marine.

The conference, organized by the British Maritime League, was told yesterday that if the rate of decline of the British fleet — 38 per cent in terms of deadweight capacity between late 1983 and early 1987 — were allowed to go much further there would be great difficulty in rebuilding it at a later stage.

Several speakers said the fundamental problem remained the large surplus of world shipping capacity. Cdr Michael Ranken, director of the League, said the reduction in the oversupply of ships throughout the world was the most important requirement in achieving a balance between supply and demand.

He and Mr Douglas Foy, secretary of the London Maritime Association, emphasized the contribution that could be made to solving the problem if sub-standard ships were withdrawn from service. Mr Foy said the elimination of unseaworthy ships would wipe out a good proportion of the surplus shipping.

But a number of speakers said this would depend on the provision of more surveyors

St Ives rises 14% to £8.5m despite costs of Burrups job cuts

By Martin Waller

St Ives Group, the magazine and book printer, increased pretax profits by 14 per cent to £8.5 million in the six months to the end of January, after heavy redundancy costs at Burrups, its recent acquisition.

Mr Robert Gavron, the chairman, said the half-year figures contained no contributions from asset sales at Burrups, which would be included in the full-year report. These would very largely offset the total costs of reorganization.

Burrups would probably provide the main engine for expansion, Mr Gavron added.

About 130 jobs out of a total of 900 were lostwhen Burrups was bought in October, and another 30 to 50 redundancies are still to be effected.

Costs of job losses for the half-year came to £1.56 million. When St Ives took over, Burrups was inefficient and seriously overmanned, relying heavily on work from the boom in City mergers and acquisitions last year, said Mr Gavron.

When this work dried up after the October crash the opportunity was taken to carry out a complete reorganization.

Keying in: Robert Gavron (Photograph: James Morgan)

The St Ives magazine printing division had been badly hit by a fire which destroyed one of its two main plants in June. A replacement factory came on stream in January, and since then contracts to print 20 new titles had been won, 11 of them weeklies.

Further acquisitions have been constrained by the heavy fall St Ives shares suffered in the crash and are likely to be small and for cash. The group had £8 million in the bank at the end of the six-month period.

The half-time dividend is increased to 0.75p, from 0.583p.

Barham helps IBC advance to £5.32m

By Martin Waller

International Business Communications, the business information company, saw pretax profits expand to £5.32 million last year from £1.86 million in 1986, helped by last autumn's acquisition of Barham Group, the owner of the Fleet Street Newsletter.

A final dividend increased to 2.5p makes a total of 3.55p, up from 3p in 1986.

Barham chipped in £1.9 million at the pretax level, said Mr Michael Bell, the chief executive, before interest costs from the acquisition of about £300,000. It also contributed £6.6 million in the last three months to turnover, which almost doubled to £29.03 million.

The break-neck expansion the group had seen over the past couple of years would continue. "There's no reason to think that the organic growth rate will slow, and we're likely to continue to make acquisitions," Mr Bell said.

But further purchases would probably be for cash and would be limited by finances — the company is still saddled with some debt after the Barham acquisition, which cost almost £100 million in cash and shares.The marketing, advertising and design sides of the new acquisition could eventually be sold, possibly by management buyout.

S&F tops merger forecast by £1m

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Singer & Friedlander Group, one of the City's smallest merchant banks, yesterday reported pretax profits for 1987 of £13 million, £1 million higher than it had forecast, last September, when it merged with Gilbert House, the property company.

During the nine months since the reverse takeover of Gilbert House, Singer & Friedlander earned profits of £7.1 million but these were not comparable with the property company's results in 1986. On a proforma basis, Singer & Friedlander's annualized earnings per share for last year came to 4.8p.

The result, up from £12 million the previous year, was achieved in spite of underwriting losses sustained during the stock market crash and benefited from a strong fourth quarter. The company is also due to receive £54 million in cash when its sale of Centrovincial Estates, the property company, is completed next week. Centrovincial was the main subsidiary of Gilbert House.

About half of Singer's profits come from ordinary bank lending to medium sized businesses. The rest is derived from corporate finance, investment management and international debt swap activities.

Singer is paying a 0.75p a share dividend for the period ending on December 31 1987.

De Savary in £13.5m property acquisition

Mr Peter de Savary, the businessman, has bought a derelict river-side site in Bristol for development for £13.5 million.

The multi-millionaire, who already owns Lands End, Littlecote House, the Wiltshire stately home and a string of clubs around the world, is one of a number of developers in the competition for space in Bristol.

His latest purchase is a 60-acre site at St Anne's board mill, a mile from the Temple Meads Station in the city.

He plans to build houses, leisure facilities and provide factory space through his LandLeisure group.

Mr de Savary took over the site from the Yorkshire-based Mountleigh Group.

Although Mountleigh has not disclosed what it paid for the site last year it is believed to have made a profit of about £6.5 million on the sale.

Bristol is rapidly becoming the largest business centre outside London and Bristol Avon Phoenix — the independent group set up to shape the city's future — is delighted that Mr de Savary is moving in.

10m hold unit trusts or shares in UK

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

Ten million people in Britain own either shares or unit trusts, the Treasury said yesterday. This puts Britain second only to the US in the level of share ownership.

The information, contained in the Treasury's *Economic Progress Report*, elaborates on a survey of share ownership jointly carried out by the Treasury and the Stock Exchange. Nine million people, or 20.5 per cent of the adult population, directly own shares, three times the 1979 level.

£21m US buy for GrandMet

Grand Metropolitan has paid $40 million (£21.2 million) for Vision Express, a chain of optical stores based in Louisville, Kentucky.

WORLD MARKETS: TOKYO

Nikkei up 207 points after bargain-hunting

(Reuter) — Share prices closed higher, because of active bargain-hunting, with bullishness prevailing despite a floundering Wall Street and dollar, brokers said.

The Nikkei index climbed 207.09 points, or 0.78 per cent, to 26,864.09, after falling 14.45 points on Tuesday. Rises led falls two to one in volume of 1 billion shares, against 600 million.

Pharmaceutical, communications, non-life insurance, securities house, rubber, food, railway/bus, steel, glass/cement, retail, car and some manufacturing issues led the advance.

Credit/lease, mining, oil, property and land transportation shares declined.

SYDNEY

All-Ordinaries slides

(Reuter) — The Australian share market closed sharply lower in response to yesterday's larger than expected current account deficit for March, brokers said.

They said news that the deficit had increased to Aus$1.18 billion (£467 million) from Aus$802 million in February saw stocks pushed down across the boards.

Further falls on Wall Street overnight and lower gold bullion and crude oil prices helped fuel the decline.

At the close of floor trading, the All-Ordinaries index was 22.0 points down at 1430.4. The All-Industrials fell 35.5 points to 2284.0.

FRANKFURT

Prices hit by dollar worries

(Reuter) — Share prices slipped back in dull trading, ending near the day's worst levels. Dealers said uncertainty about world interest rates and worries about the dollar had kept investors on the sidelines.

Deutsche Bank closed at DM418 (£132), DM3.70 below Tuesday's finish. Siemens, the electrical group, slipped DM4.20, to DM349.50.

Porsche, the car-maker, also dropped sharply, losing DM22 to end at DM530. The company said yesterday that it would cut its workforce by nearly 12 per cent over the next 15 months. VW shed DM5, to DM241.

Chemicals eased, with Bayer shedding DM1.60, to DM270.50. BASF fell DM2.80 to DM245.20.

NEW YORK

Dow slips 5 points in early dealings

(Reuter) — Shares generally slipped in early trading yesterday with blue chips also falling after a modest, opening advance. Brokers reported that shares were under pressure from a weaker dollar and easier bond prices which were mildly depressed about a 0.5 per cent rise in the consumer price index for March.

The Dow Jones industrial average was 5 points lower at 1,994.50 after moving as high as 2,005.

Lucky Stores rose by ⅝ to 53⅞.

On Tuesday, the Dow average closed 8.62 lower at 1,999.50.

	Apr 19	Apr 18
AMR Cp	42½	41½
ASA	45½	46½
Aetna Life	42½	42½
Allied Signal	30½	31½
Allis Chlm	1½	1½
Alcoa	46½	43½
Amax Inc	22½	20½
AMR Hess	29	30
Am Brands	43	43
Am Cynmd	48½	48½
Am Ele Pwr	26½	26½
Amexs	24½	24½
Am Family	14½	15½
Am Home	77	78
Am Int Grp	50½	52½
Am Stand	77½	77
Am Telph	26½	26½
Amoco Cp	77½	78½
Anheuser B	30½	31½
Armco Steel	11½	11½
Asarco Inc	24½	24
Ashland Oil	68½	68½
Atl Richfld	85½	87½
Avon Prod	23½	23½
Bk Boston	23½	24
Bank NY	31½	31½
Bankamer	10½	9½
Bkrs Tst NY	30½	30½
Baxter	21½	22½
Beth Steel	19½	21
Boeing	44½	45½
Boise Casc	45½	45½
Borden	52½	52½
Bristl Meyr	39½	40½
BP	63	63½
Brunswick	22½	22½
Burl Nth	68½	69½
CBS	153½	154
CMS Engy	17½	17½
CPC Int	46½	46½
CSX Cp	28½	28½
Camp Soup	26½	26½
Can Pacific	19½	19½
Caterpillar	62½	62½
Centrl SW	30½	30½
Champion	34½	34½
Chase Man	25	25½
Chem NY	23½	23½
Chevron	46½	47½
Chrysler	23½	23½
Citicorp	19	19½
Clark Eq	28½	27½
Coca Cola	37½	37½
Colgate	39½	40½
Columb Gas	29½	28½
Cmb'tn Eng	30½	31
Cmwlth Edi	23½	23½
Cons Edis	42½	42½
Consol Ng	35½	36
Cont Data	24½	24½
Corning Gl	51½	51½
Crane	29½	29½
Curtiss	n.a	50½
Data Genl	23½	24
Deere Co	44½	44½
Delta Airl	48½	48½
Detroit Edi	13½	13½
Digital Eq	101½	101
Disney	55½	55½
Dow Chem	84½	82½
Dressr Ind	33½	34
Dupont	83½	84½
Duke Pwr	42½	43½
East Kodak	40½	40½
Eaton Cp	79½	80½
Emerson El	30	30½
Emery Air	6½	6½
Exxon	42	43½
Farah Inc	9½	9½

	Apr 19	Apr 18
Fedders	8½	9
Firestone	79½	79½
Fst Chicago	25½	25
Fst Int Bncp	42½	42½
Fst Penn C	10½	10½
FT Wachva	38½	38½
Ford Motor	45½	45½
GAF Cp	49½	50
GTE Cp	35½	35
Gen Cp	17½	17½
Gn Dynam	53½	53½
Gen Electric	39½	39½
Gen Inst	30½	31½
Gen Mills	46	46½
Gen Motors	71½	71½
Gen Pub Ut	32½	32½
Genesco	3½	3½
Georgia Pac	40½	39½
Gillette	41½	42½
Goodrich	52½	53
Goodyear	62½	62½
Gould Inc	11½	11
Grace Co	26½	27½
Grt Atl Pac	35½	35½
Greyhnd	30½	30½
Gruman	21½	21½
Gulf & West	76½	77
Heinz	41	42
Hercules	49½	49½
Hewlett Pk	60½	61½
Honeywell	68½	67½
IC Ind	34½	33½
ITT Cp	45	45½
INCO	28½	29
Ing Rand Wi	38	37½
Inland Steel	33½	32½
IBM	113½	114½
Int Paper	44	42½
Irving Bk	60½	60½
Jhsn & Jhsn	77½	78½
K Mart	34½	33½
Kaisertech	14½	14½
Kerr McGee	37½	37½
Kimbrly Clrk	54½	55½
Kraft	51½	51½
Kroger	31½	31½
LTV Cp	3½	3½
Litton	81½	81½
Lockheed	44½	44½
Lucky Str	53	52½
Man H'nver	25½	26
Manville	2½	2½
Mapco	54½	54½
Marriott	28½	28½
Mt Marrieta	42½	42½
Masco	26½	26½
Mcdonalds	42	42½
McDonnell	64	64½
Mead Cp	37½	37½
Merck	158	157½
Mnsta Mng	58½	58½
Mobil	46	48½
Monsanto	81½	80½
Montedison	13½	13½
Morgan Jp	31½	32
Motorola	47½	47
NCR	59½	60½
NL Indstrs	7	7
Nat Md Ent	21½	21½
Nat Semi	12½	12½
Norfolk Sth	27½	27½
NW Bancrp	41½	41½
Occid Petl	26½	26½
Ogden Cp	29½	29½
Olin Cp	48	48½
PPG Ind	39½	40½
Pac Gas El	15½	15½
Pan Am	2½	2½
Penney JC	48	47½

	Apr 19	Apr 18
Pennzoil	74	74½
Pepsico	33½	34½
Pfizer	56½	58½
Phelps Dod	41½	41
Philip Mor	87½	87
Philip Ptrl	18	17½
Polaroid	30	30½
Primerica	25½	25½
Proct Gble	77	77½
Pub S E G	22	22½
R Nabisco	50½	50½
Raytheon	65½	66½
Rynlds Metl	45½	43½
Rockwell Int	18½	18½
Royal Dutch	122	123½
SFE Sopac	16	15½
Sara Lee	37½	38
Schlumb	36½	36
Scott Paper	36½	35½
Seagram	52½	52½
Sears Roeb	34½	34½
Shell Trans	81	81½
Singer	49½	49½
Smith Beck	53½	54½
Sony Cp	44	43½
Sth Cal Edi	30½	30½
SW Bell	35½	35½
Squibb	60½	61
Sterl Drug	n.a	n.a
Stevens JP	67½	68½
Sun Comp	58½	60
TRW Inc	44½	44½
Teledyne	328	328½
Tenneco	43½	42½
Texaco	47	48½
Tex Eastn	28½	28½
Texas Inst	50	49½
Tex Util	25½	25½
Textron	24½	24½
Travelers	33½	33½
USG	38	37½
USX Cp	31½	32½
Unilever Plc	35½	34½
Un Carbide	22½	22½
Un Pac Cp	65½	66½
Unisys Cp	32½	33½
Utd Brands	47	46½
Us West	51½	51½
Utd Tech	38½	39½
Unocal	36½	37½
Warn Lamb	68½	69½
Wells Far	50½	50½
Westg El	50½	51½
Weyerhsr	37½	37½
Whirlpool	24½	25
Woolworth	55	54½
Xerox Cp	54	54½
Zenith	18½	18½

CANADIAN PRICES

	Apr 19	Apr 18
Agnico Eag	19½	19½
Alcan Alum	36½	35
Algoma Stl	20.50	19.75
Can Pacific	24	23½
Cominco	19½	20
Con Bathrst	17½	17
Hawk S Can	22½	22½
Hud Bay M	19½	19½
Imasco	28	27½
Imperial Oil	61½	62½
Int Pipe	48	47
Royl Trstco	16½	16½
Seagram	64½	65½
Shelco 'A'	40½	23½
Thmsn N 'A'	28½	28
Varity Cp	4.25	4.25
WCT	17½	17½
Weston	35½	34½

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Apr	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Puts Apr	Puts Jul	Puts Oct
Allid Lyon (*409)	360	50	58	65	½	7	10
	390	20	38	45	1	15	20
	420	1½	18	30	13	26	35
Bass (*840)	800	42	75	100	1½	17	27
	850	3	45	67	15	40	50
	900	2	23	45	60	75	80
Brit Air (*164)	140	25	27	30	¼	3½	8
	160	5	11	15	½	13	15
	180	¼	5	9	17	27	23
Brit Com (*280)	280	5	20	28	3	18	23
	300	½	13	20	22	30	35
	330	¼	5	12	52	55	60
Brit Gas (*181)	160	21½	27	–	½	2½	–
	170	11½	19	22	¼	4½	8½
	180	1½	12	17	2	10	12½
BP (*274)	240	38	45	51	¼	4	8
	260	16	30	35	¼	8	13
	280	1	17	24	6	17	23
Britoil (*517)	420	105	–	–	1	2	2
	460	65	62	70	2	3	6
	500	25	30	40	2½	8	15
Cons Gold (*910)	850	60	115	155	2	40	63
	900	7	90	115	5	60	85
	950	3	60	95	60	85	115
Courtauld (*355)	300	55	63	70	1	6	10
	330	25	37	50	1	16	22
	360	1½	20	35	8	26	37
	390	1	12	–	37	52	–
Com Union (*333)	300	36	47	55	1	6	13
	330	7	28	35	1	17	25
	360	1	14	22	28	33	42
C & W (*323)	330	1	20	33	8	27	32
	360	½	11	19	38	44	50
	390	¼	5	11	68	68	72
GEC (*152)	140	13	20	23	¼	4½	8
	160	½	8½	12	9	14	19
	180	¼	3	6	29	30	33
GKN (*299)	280	21	34	41	¼	8	13
	300	2	20	30	2½	15	22
	330	¼	10	19	31	33	38
	360	¼	3½	–	61	61	–
Grand Met (*476)	420	59	73	82	½	7	11
	460	19	43	53	1	15	25
	500	½	21	32	24	35	45
	550	½	8	16	74	77	80
ICI (*975)	950	32	87	110	1	35	58
	1000	1½	60	80	30	62	83
	1050	½	38	–	75	90	–
	1100	½	23	43	125	127	150
Jaguar (*281)	260	23	39	47	¼	9	13
	280	3	25	35	1	18	23
	300	¼	16	24	20	28	35
Land Sec (*565)	460	107	112	118	1	3	6
	500	67	75	87	1	9	15
	550	17	40	57	2	23	30
M & S (*180)	160	22	28	31	¼	4	7
	180	2	13	18	2	12	16
	200	1	6	10	21	27	28
R-Royce (*110)	110	1	10	14	2	8	11
	120	½	5	9	11	16	17
	130	¼	3	7	21	21	24
STC (*243)	220	24	32	40	¼	4	10
	240	5	19	28	1	12	18
	260	¼	11	17	18	22	28
Sainsbury (*240)	220	22	29	34	1	6	7
	240	3	18	21	3	13	17
	260	½	7	12	22	26	30
Shell (*1065)	1000	68	110	125	2	22	40
	1050	18	78	–	3	40	–
	1100	3	50	73	42	65	82
Storehse (*269)	220	52	60	63	1	5	9
	240	32	45	52	1	10	16
	260	12	35	40	1½	18	27
	280	1	25	33	8	30	43
Trafalgar (*327)	300	30	37	45	2	7	12
	330	1½	17	28	4	20	27
	360	1	8	15	33	40	45
TSB (*101)	100	1½	7	9	1	5	7
	110	1	3½	6	10½	12	14
	120	¼	2	3½	20½	22	23
Woolworth (*286)	260	30	37	45	1	8	13
	280	8	25	33	2	18	23
	300	1	15	22	17	30	35

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Amstrad (*162)	140	26	32	34	5	8	9
	160	12	19	22	10	15	18
	180	4	12	13	22	26	28
Barclays (*430)	460	9	22	28	37	50	52
	500	2½	10	17	72	77	82
	550	1	4	–	122	125	–
Beecham (*482)	420	57	65	75	5	14	20
	460	28	42	52	18	30	35
	500	12	24	33	42	52	57
	550	3	–	–	87	–	–
Boots (*220)	200	24	30	34	3	8	11
	220	14	18	25	12	17	22
	240	5	11	17	26	29	33
BTR (*245)	240	19	28	32	9	14	17
	260	6	17	22	19	27	28
	280	3	9	15	37	42	42
Blue Circ (*438)	420	32	47	57	15	27	35
	460	13	28	35	40	50	56
	500	6	13	20	75	80	87
Dixons (*180)	160	26	30	33	3	8	8
	180	13	18	23	10	17	20
	200	4½	11	13	24	30	32
Glaxo (*987)	950	62	105	120	32	48	65
	1000	38	75	93	59	72	90
	1050	20	55	–	93	103	–
	1100	10	40	55	135	137	153
Hanson (*128)	120	11½	16	19½	2½	6	7½
	130	5½	10½	14	7	10	12
	140	2½	6½	9½	14½	16½	18
	160	½	2	4½	33	33½	33½
Hawker (*466)	460	23	43	55	23	36	42
	500	10	25	35	52	57	63
	550	3	12	23	97	97	102
Lonrho (*235)	220	25	30	35	5	10	12
	240	11	19	25	11	18	20
	260	5	11	15	26	30	33
	280	2½	5½	–	45	46	–
Midland (*390)	360	50	57	65	7	15	17
	390	25	35	38	17	27	25
	420	10	18	25	35	45	50
Sears (*131)	120	15	18	21	4	7	9
	130	7½	13	15	10	12	14
	140	3	8	11	16	18	20
Tesco (*155)	140	18	25	28	4	6	8
	160	7	12	18	12	15	18
	180	3	7	10	29	31	32
Thorn EMI (*606)	500	120	132	–	2	7	–
	550	72	90	102	4	18	30
	600	32	55	70	18	35	50
	650	17	27	38	50	65	77
THF (*229)	220	20	25	32	5	10	13
	240	8	14	22	15	21	24
	260	2½	9	12	33	38	40
Unilever (*456)	460	25	45	55	22	32	37
	500	8	27	38	47	55	60
	550	2	13	–	95	95	–
Wellcome (*462)	420	58	80	93	10	22	29
	460	33	57	70	24	35	45
	500	16	40	53	48	60	67

	Series	Calls May	Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Puts May	Puts Aug	Puts Nov
BAA (*113)	100	16	23	30	2½	9	10
	110	10	17	25	5½	13	14
	120	5	13	20	11	18	20
Brit Aero (*396)	330	75	85	90	2	8	13
	360	46	62	70	4	12	23
	390	23	42	52	11	22	34
	420	8	24	38	27	37	50
BAT Ind (*420)	390	42	57	–	4	12	–
	420	19	38	47	12	22	30
	460	5	20	30	38	42	50
	500	1½	10	18	78	80	85
Brit Tele (*247)	220	29	35	40	1½	6	9
	240	13	21	27	4½	12	15
	260	3	11	16	15	24	25
Cadbury (*287)	240	51	60	68	1	5	8
	260	38	43	55	5	8	14
	280	19	30	42	8	17	23
Guinness (*298)	260	43	–	60	1	–	10
	280	27	–	45	5	–	18
	300	12	–	33	10	–	28
Ladbroke (*409)	300	115	118	–	1	1	–
	330	85	88	92	1	3	7
	360	55	60	65	1	9	16
LASMO (*353)	280	75	80	92	1	5	10
	300	56	65	75	2	10	13
	330	30	47	60	9	18	25
Pilkington (*214)	200	20	25	33	5	10	13
	220	7	14	22	12	22	25
	240	3	8	13	30	35	38
	260	1½	4	–	50	52	–
Plessey (*157)	140	21	25	31	3	7	10
	160	7½	15	21	9	18	21
	180	4	8	13	25	32	35
P & O (*585)	550	44	64	72	9	18	25
	600	13	37	47	28	40	52
	650	3	18	27	70	77	85
Prudential (*798)	800	32	60	80	27	40	55
	850	9	37	57	60	70	80
	900	3	23	40	105	110	120
Racal (*233)	200	37	43	51	2	6	10
	220	20	28	38	6	12	18
	240	9	16	27	15	23	28
RTZ (*355)	300	60	70	–	2½	10	–
	330	34	47	63	7	20	25
	360	15	32	45	20	32	40
	390	7	18	32	34	48	60
Vaal Reefs (*88)	80	13	16	20	2	5	7
	90	6	10	13	6	10	13
	100	2	6	9	15	18	19
Tr 12% 1995 (*115)	110	4¾	4¾	4¾	1/16	⅜	20/32
	112	2¾	2¾	2¾	3/16	⅞	1½
	114	1	1 5/16	1½	13/16	1⅞	2 1/16
	116	¼	⅝	13/16	2 9/32	3 1/32	3¾
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*121)	114	6¾	–	–	7/16	–	–
	116	4¾	–	–	3/16	–	–
	118	2¾	–	–	17/32	–	–
	120	1 9/16	–	–	1 5/16	–	–
	122	22/32	–	–	2¾	–	–

FT-SE INDEX (*1785)

Series	Calls Apr	Calls May	Calls Jun	Calls Jul	Puts Apr	Puts May	Puts Jun	Puts Jul
1600	182	–	–	–	1	–	–	–
1650	142	145	160	170	2	12	25	32
1700	93	105	123	133	5	23	37	45
1750	43	70	90	103	15	38	57	65
1800	15	42	63	77	37	63	80	90
1850	4	23	43	55	80	95	110	117
1900	1	13	27	38	125	135	150	150

April 20, 1988 Total: 45902 Calls 31427 Puts 14475 FT-SE: Calls 1878 Puts 2218
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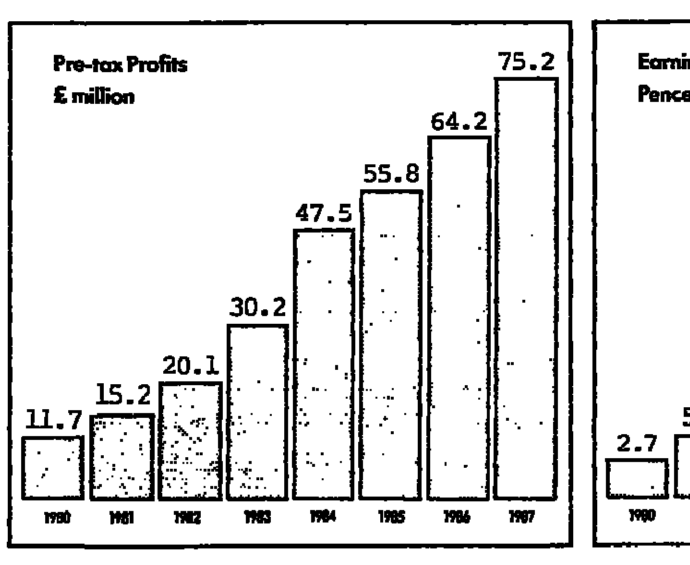

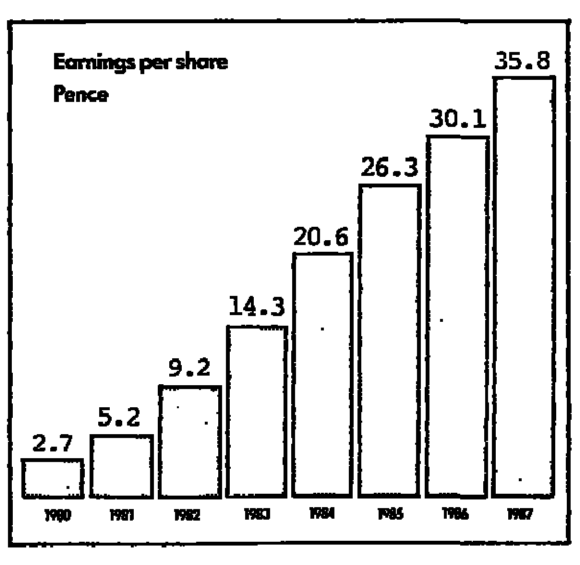

- Pre-tax profit up 17.1% to £75.2m
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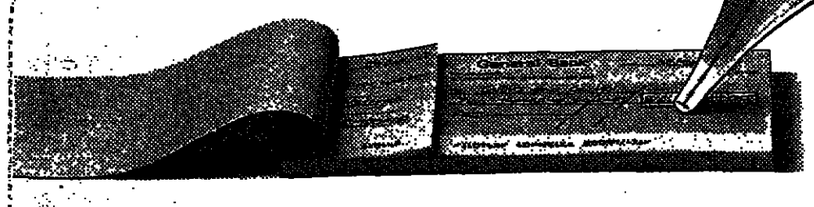

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Do Acc	182.9	194.5●	..	1.36
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Extra Inc	37.4	39.6●	+0.2	4.89
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American	36.4	38.6	..	2.38
Amer Extra Inc	33.2	35.4●	..	6.84
Australian	18.5	19.7	-0.4	1.78
Euro Tst	39.4	42.0	-0.2	0.00
Gt/Fxd Interest	23.8	25.4●	+0.1	9.40
Global Income	33.1	35.3●	..	5.49
Hi Income	52.8	56.2	+0.2	5.43
Income Growth	63.5	67.6	+0.5	4.41
International	80.7	85.8	-0.1	0.61
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Euro Gth Acc	97.2	103.5●	..	1.17
Exempt	383.7	404.8	+1.5	4.74
Far Eastern	197.4	211.6●	+1.5	0.00
Fin & Prop	77.9	82.5	-0.1	2.57
Hi Yield	70.4	74.6●	+0.1	5.09
Income & Gth	298.1	313.7●	+0.5	4.56
Int Earnings	173.7	184.0●	-0.4	3.03
Int Growth Inc	82.0	87.3●	+0.3	0.25
Japan Gth Acc	149.5	159.8	+1.7	0.00
N Amer Gth Inc	99.9	107.5	-0.4	2.97
Preference Inc	125.5	132.9●	+0.6	9.16
Sml Co Div Inc	88.5	93.8	+0.1	4.58
Sml Co Gth	269.7	285.7	+0.1	1.68
Spec Sits Inc	123.2	130.5	-0.2	1.59
UK Growth	368.8	390.7●	+1.3	3.34
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High Income	287.9	305.2●	+0.7	4.94
Equity Inc	167.4	177.4	+0.2	4.41
High Yield	167.6	177.7c	+0.4	5.18
Balanced	409.5	434.1	+0.8	3.35
Amer Inc	25.8	27.5	..	4.89
World Ass Val	24.8	26.4	..	1.25
Japan	138.1	147.1	+1.0	0.01
Sec of Amer	174.3	185.6	-0.6	1.04
Asset Value	304.5	322.8	+1.1	3.04
O'seas Earn	199.5	211.5	+0.2	3.34
Recovery	93.8	99.4●	-0.3	3.14
UK Spec Sits	248.4	263.3	..	2.78
Smlr Co	160.1	170.3	+0.1	2.19
Capital	241.8	256.3●	+0.3	3.39
Amer Spec Sit	58.3	60.0●	..	1.82
International	86.2	91.8	+0.2	1.29
Growth & Inc	146.7	155.5●	+0.3	3.73
Euro Gth	17.4	18.5	..	1.35
Pacific	210.0	223.6	+1.0	0.29
2nd Smr Co	187.7	199.0●	+0.1	1.85
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Capital	77.6	82.8	+0.3	3.19
Euro Gth Inc	57.2	61.1	-0.1	1.76
Extra Income	90.6	96.7●	+0.4	5.25
General	162.2	173.1●	+0.7	3.33
Gilt & Fixed Inc	54.5	57.4	+1.3	9.11
Income Tst	390.0	416.1	+1.4	4.06
Int Income	46.9	50.1	..	4.46
Smlr Co Inc	36.7	39.2	+0.1	1.24
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American EVS	49.3	52.3●	+0.3	0.70
Australia	51.6	56.6	-0.2	0.00
Eastern	60.3	64.3	-0.1	0.20
Equity Inc	66.9	70.9c	-0.4	5.20
Europe	110.4	117.1	-0.6	0.00
Exempt Tst	55.9	59.3	..	3.40
Growth & Inc	73.3	77.7	+0.1	2.20
Do Acc	114.0	120.9	+0.1	2.20
Global Gth	56.5	59.9	+0.1	0.00
Japan Spec	142.1	151.5	+1.7	0.00
Japan Smll	152.7	162.8●	+1.9	0.00
First Europe	97.0	102.9	+0.1	0.90
First Japan	105.6	112.6●	+1.6	0.60
First N Amer	38.1	40.4	+0.1	1.10
First Smlr Co	88.4	93.7●	..	1.40
N Amer Spec	36.1	38.3●	+0.2	0.30
UK Growth	57.9	61.7	+0.4	5.28
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Financial	150.9	150.0	..	1.70
Smlr Co Acc	281.1	305.0●	+0.2	0.82
Do Inc	177.4	192.4●	+0.2	0.82
High Income	75.4	79.9●	..	5.19
Income	92.0	97.5●	+0.2	5.18
Man Portfl Inc	85.3	89.8	+0.6	2.24
Do Acc	144.4	153.1	..	2.23
Nth American	42.4	45.2	..	0.21
Orient	92.9	98.4	+0.6	0.10
Exempt	257.9	272.9	+1.0	2.30
Recovery	61.4	65.1	-0.1	0.35
German	22.0	22.8	+0.3	1.90
Int Recov	22.5	23.9●	..	1.00
Europe	16.2	17.3●	-0.1	3.91
Conv General	24.4	25.8●	..	7.00
BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT Tel: 01-588 2868 01 623 2348				
Emerg Inc	58.7	62.3	+0.4	2.00
Followship Inc	60.2	64.6●	+0.3	1.50
General Inc 4	255.6	271.2	+1.5	3.00
Do Acc 4	418.9	442.3	+2.3	3.00
Income Fd 3	130.4	138.4●	+0.9	4.50
Do Acc 3	245.6	260.6●	+1.7	4.50
Int Inc 2	103.6	109.9	+0.7	1.90
Do Acc 2	140.1	148.6	+1.0	1.90
Smlr Inc 5	84.3	89.5	-0.2	2.00
Do Acc	91.4	97.0	-0.2	2.00
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1, Olympic Way, Wembley Middx HA9 0NB Tel: 01-902 8876				
Growth	32.2	34.3a	..	2.90
Income	41.5	44.1s	..	4.37
Far East	27.2	29.0a	+0.1	0.22
Nth American	25.2	26.8a	+0.1	0.76
Global	42.4	45.1●	+0.2	0.75
European	36.8	39.2●	-0.1	1.36
Japan	85.8	91.3	+1.3	0.01
CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT PO Box 551 Winchester Hse, 77 London Wall, London EC2M 1DE Tel: 01-588 0998				
Capital	383.6	409.4●	+0.7	3.03
European S S	47.1	50.2	..	2.50
Far East S S	46.7	49.8	-0.1	2.52
Gold Gen S S	47.5	50.6	+0.3	2.49
Income	336.0	358.8●	+0.8	5.25
Int Sp Sits	45.2	48.2	-0.6	2.81
Nth Amer	214.8	229.3●	-1.1	2.06
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Investment	432.9		..	4.87
Fixed Int	147.6		..	9.69
Deposit	100.0		..	8.71
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ Tel: 01-588 1815				
Income	407.55	●	..	5.27
Acc	£12.6917		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	8.20
CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS Woolgate House, Coleman Street London EC2P 2HD Tel: 01-600 6622				
Man Retmnt	22.6	23.9●	..	..
SC Special Sits	62.3	65.9	..	0.42
CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH Tel: 0800 373393				
Amer Gth	17.4	18.5●	..	0.20
Atlas Gth	21.0	22.3	+0.1	0.86
Dragon Gth	19.7	20.9	+0.1	1.98
Equity Hi Inc	56.4	59.7	+0.1	4.74
Do Acc	56.4	59.7	+0.1	4.74
European Gth	23.1	24.5	..	1.69
Gen Equity	47.6	50.4	+0.1	2.91
G/F Intrst Gth	33.5	35.3	-0.1	7.16
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.3	26.7●	-0.1	8.54
Int Income Tst	22.1	23.4	..	5.58
Japan Gth	46.0	48.7	+0.5	0.00
Pedigree Gth	28.5	30.2	+0.1	2.25
Special Sits	34.3	36.4	+0.1	1.95
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ Tel: 01-283 7500 Dealing 01-686 9818				
UK & Gen Inc	52.2	55.5	-0.1	3.20
Do Acc	53.6	57.0	-0.2	3.20
Income Inc	54.3	57.8●	-0.1	4.08
Do Acc	56.3	59.9●	-0.1	4.08
Worldwide Inc	41.2	44.1	..	0.83
Do Acc	41.8	44.5	+0.1	0.83
Gemms Inc	33.5	35.6	+0.2	1.29
Do Acc	33.7	35.6	+0.2	1.29
Amer Gth	47.5	50.5●	..	1.15
Euro Gth	49.6	52.8	..	1.25
Far East	60.5	64.4●	+0.3	0.00
Gilt & Fxd Int	48.4	51.2	-0.1	8.31
World Bond	47.3	50.0	..	5.91
CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW Tel: 04862 5033				
Amer Tst	95.0	101.3	-0.3	0.99
Canadian Gth	19.4	20.7	..	..
European Tst	85.9	91.6	+0.3	..
Growth Tst	255.8	272.9	+0.4	3.13
High Income	301.9	322.0●	-0.2	5.06
Int Tech Tst	98.8	105.4	-0.3	..
Investment	25.5	27.2	..	..
Japanese Tst	227.3	242.5	+1.8	..
Man Inc	25.6	27.3	..	..
CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL Tel: 0737-242424				
European Gth	47.0	50.8	-0.1	3.00
Euro Spec Sits	34.3	36.9	+0.1	1.30
International	45.2	48.7	+0.1	6.50
N Amer Gth	39.0	42.0	+0.2	1.00
Pacific Gth	52.9	56.9	+0.3	4.80
UK Gth Acc	62.7	67.5●	..	0.50
Do Dist	60.6	65.2●	..	0.50
UK Income	56.9	61.2●	+0.4	4.60
EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3492				
American Fd	53.2	56.6	-0.3	1.77
Capital Fd	125.3	133.1	..	1.28
Convertible	24.6	26.1	+0.2	7.57
Eurofund	21.2	22.5	..	1.33
Growth & Inc	174.2	185.1	+1.0	3.78
High Dist Fd	147.8	157.1	+0.8	4.77
International	194.0	206.1	+0.3	1.09
Pacific Fd	20.0	21.3	+0.3	0.00
Resources Fd	20.8	22.1●	+0.3	0.00
Smlr Jap Co	41.6	44.2	-0.1	..
Tokyo Fd	192.3	204.3	+1.3	0.00
Ex Amer 2	107.8	110.8●	-8.5	2.08
Ex Japan 3	117.4	120.6	-2.1	0.19
Ex Pacific 4	336.2	344.8	..	0.27
Ex Smlr Jap 4	251.0	257.3	..	0.10
EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LQ Tel: 0242 221311				
UK Balan Inc	83.6	88.9	+0.2	2.73
Do Acc	87.3	92.6	+0.2	2.82
UK Gth Acc	119.7	127.0	+0.1	2.16
UK High Inc	94.3	100.0	+0.2	4.38
N Amer Acc	57.9	61.8	-0.2	1.13
Far East Acc	114.8	122.4	+0.9	0.63
European Acc	65.5	69.9	..	1.48
UK Gt/FI Inc	58.3	61.9	-0.2	8.40
Do Acc	66.0	70.0	-0.2	7.43
Int Spec Sits	37.0	39.5	..	1.71
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD Adman Centre Hexagon House Romford RM1 3LB Tel: 0708 66966				
Endurance	112.9	120.2	-2.5	1.57
EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Equit Pelican	90.0	95.8●	..	3.34
High Income	95.1	101.2	..	4.74
Gt/Fxd Intrst	53.3	56.8	..	6.97
Tst Of Inv Tsts	80.6	85.8	..	2.21
Spec Sits Tst	96.1	102.3	..	2.69
Nth Amer Tst	50.6	53.9	..	1.65
Far East Tst	107.3	114.2	..	0.35
Int Growth	50.6	53.9●	..	1.67
European Tst	37.2	39.6	..	1.89
EQUITY & LAW St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Acc	172.4	183.4●	+0.8	3.41
Do Inc	143.1	152.2●	+0.7	3.41
Higher Inc Acc	319.1	339.4●	+1.1	4.49
Do Inc	241.3	256.7●	+0.9	4.49
Gilts & Fxd Acc	114.3	120.3	-0.3	8.30
Do Inc	85.6	90.1	-0.2	8.30
N Amer Acc	111.3	118.3●	+0.6	0.01
Far East Acc	204.1	217.1●	+1.4	0.00
Euro Tst Acc	120.6	128.2	-0.3	1.14
Gen Tst	249.0	264.8●	+0.8	3.85
Brit Excell	39.6	42.1	+0.1	2.79
Br Fdmtls Inc	48.6	51.7	..	5.82
Do Acc	48.6	51.7	..	5.82
F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT 1, Laurence Poutney Hill, London EC4R 0BA Tel: 01-623 4680				
US Smlr Co	51.9	55.3	+0.4	0.84
UK Inc Fd	90.1	95.9●	+0.2	4.60
Far East Fd	85.4	90.9	+0.7	0.00
Overseas Inc	54.5	58.0	..	5.07
Fxd Interest	59.1	62.9	-0.1	9.06
Natural Res Fd	53.5	57.0	-0.5	2.11
European Inc	57.2	60.9	-0.8	2.91
Financials Fd	43.4	46.2	+0.1	2.70
Int Tech Fd	99.4	105.8	+0.8	0.87
FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS 190, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA Tel: 041-332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	64.4	68.5●	..	..
Do Inc	62.8	67.0●	..	0.40
Hi Yield Acc	28.8	30.7●	-0.1	..
Do Inc	27.2	29.0●	-0.2	5.80
Inc Gth Acc	55.3	58.9	+0.4	..
Do Inc	49.2	52.4	+0.4	5.50
Serv Co Acc	64.7	69.0	+0.3	..
Do Inc	63.4	67.6	+0.3	0.60
Amer Gth Acc	20.8	21.9	..	..
Do Inc	20.4	21.7	..	1.00
Euro Gth Acc	15.2	16.3	..	1.00
Do Inc	15.1	16.2	..	1.00
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD River Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY Tel: 0800 414161				
American	89.2	95.5	-0.2	1.20
Amer Eqty Inc	24.1	25.8	..	6.23
Amer Spec Sit	43.6	46.7	+0.2	0.00
Australia	21.0	22.4	..	2.62
European	50.2	53.5	-0.2	..
European Inc	19.7	21.0	+0.1	4.53
Global Conv	22.1	23.6●	+0.1	5.50
Far East Inc	37.2	39.6	+0.2	3.70
Gt/Fxd Interest	30.3	30.5●	-0.1	9.41
Growth & Inc	109.8	117.8	+0.4	3.97
Japan Spec Sit	68.2	73.0	+0.7	..
Japan	160.0	171.2	+0.3	..
Managed Intl	116.0	123.5	+0.2	0.58
Inc Plus	100.4	107.4	+0.5	4.70
Famous Name	39.2	42.1	+0.2	2.98
SE Asia	32.9	35.2	+0.1	0.80
Spec Sit	232.8	249.5	+1.1	0.83
Eastern Opps	21.8	23.0	..	..
Intl Bond	23.7	25.3●	..	6.87
Recovery	26.9	28.9●	+0.2	2.50
Moneybuilder	23.9	25.6	..	3.50
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ Tel: 01-628 5181				
Amer/Gen Inc	156.5	165.1	+1.0	..
Do Acc	159.8	168.6	+0.9	..
Amer Turn Inc	175.4	185.1	+1.5	1.03
Do Acc	181.9	191.9	+1.4	1.03
Capital Inc	255.5	269.6●	+0.8	2.42
Do Acc	316.8	334.3●	+0.8	2.42
Conv/Gilt Inc	103.2	108.9	+0.1	5.29
Do Acc	145.5	153.5	+0.2	5.29
European Inc	51.8	54.6	-0.2	1.21
Do Acc	52.0	54.8	-0.2	1.21
Extra Inc Inc	230.3	243.0	+0.6	4.54
Do Acc	259.4	273.7	+0.7	4.54
Financial Acc	40.9	43.1●	..	0.56
Do Inc	40.6	42.8●	+0.1	0.56
Income Tst	152.0	160.4	+0.7	4.38
Do Acc	167.8	177.0	+0.7	4.38
Int Growth Inc	137.8	145.4	+0.2	..
Do Acc	153.1	161.5●	+0.3	..
Japan/Gen Inc	113.5	119.7	+1.4	..
Do Acc	114.5	120.8	+1.3	..
Monthly Inc Fd	117.7	124.2●	+0.1	4.50
PEP 87	59.7		..	2.78
PEP 88	51.2	54.0	..	2.33
Recovery	168.3	177.6	+0.6	1.20
Do Acc	185.6	195.8	+0.6	1.20
Smaller Inc	52.7	55.5●	..	3.19
Do Acc	52.6	55.5●	..	3.19
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts SP1 3SH Tel: Dealing:0722 411411 Admin:0722 419622				
Equity Dist	228.1	241.7	-0.4	2.81
Do Acc	392.5	414.0	-1.6	2.81
Euro Gth Dist	51.1	54.2	-0.1	0.92
Do Acc	51.1	54.2	-0.1	0.92
Fxd Interest Dl	119.7	127.1	-0.3	8.85
Do Acc	151.3	160.7	-0.4	8.85
Int Gth Dist	51.2	54.3	+0.2	1.38
Do Acc	51.2	54.3	+0.2	1.38
Nth Amer Dist	103.6	109.9	+0.1	2.35
Do Acc	105.3	111.7	..	2.35
Pac Basn Dist	177.0	187.7	+0.4	0.15
Do Acc	177.1	187.9	+0.4	0.15
Steward Dist	232.0	245.8	-0.2	0.80
Do Acc	243.1	257.6	-0.2	0.80
Steward Inc Dl	56.5	59.8	+0.1	3.35
Do Acc	56.8	60.2	+0.1	3.35
N Am Stwd Dl	48.8	51.7	-0.1	1.93
Do Acc	48.8	51.7	-0.1	1.93
GT UNIT MANAGERS 8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ Tel: 01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431				
Amer Spec Sit	53.9	57.3●	+0.1	0.60
UK Cap Inc	123.8	131.8	+0.4	2.70
Do Acc	183.0	194.7	+0.4	2.70
Do Spec Sits	50.3	53.6	-0.1	1.00
Income Fd	94.4	100.5●	+0.1	6.00
International	142.8	151.8●	-0.1	0.50
US & General	42.1	44.8	..	1.20
Japan & Gen	293.8	312.6●	+6.5	0.10
Far East Gen	122.7	130.6	+1.9	0.30
European Fd	205.6	218.8●	-1.9	0.10
Germany Fd	49.9	53.1	+0.2	1.80
Intl Inc Fd	47.3	50.4	+0.1	5.70
Wld Spec Sits	55.8	59.2	+0.2	1.50
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ Tel: 01-623 1212 Dealing: 01-236 3885 Services: 0800 289336				
American	60.7	64.6	-0.3	0.70
Australian	16.2	17.2●	-0.1	0.93
British Acc	70.8	75.8	+1.3	1.92
Do Dist	60.1	64.3	+1.2	1.92
Chelt UK Gth	24.2	25.6	..	1.82
Commd Share	56.8	61.0	+1.3	1.50
European	42.2	45.3	+0.3	1.47
Extra Income	60.7	65.2	+0.1	9.22
Far East Tst	124.9	134.0	+0.5	0.40
Fxd Interest	29.0	31.1●	+0.1	7.90
Frontier Mkts	22.8	24.3●	+0.1	0.75
Global Fd	152.8	163.9	..	1.69
Do Dist	144.8	155.4	..	1.69
Gold Share	15.7	16.9	-0.2	1.59
Hedged Amer	30.2	32.1	..	0.50
High Income	30.0	32.2a	..	5.31
Hong Kong	29.2	31.4	+0.3	1.25
Income Fd	97.7	104.8	+0.1	4.25
Int F/Interest	23.7	25.3●	+0.1	7.78
Japan Tst	128.2	137.5	+2.0	0.00
Man Exmpt	266.8	277.8●	+0.6	2.50
Oil & Energy	42.7	45.8	-0.4	1.92
Spec Sit	98.1	105.3	+0.1	0.82
UK Sm Co Rec	98.3	105.5	+1.0	0.70
Gartmore (formerly Oppenheimer) Tst Management Ltd				
Glob Inc/Gth	68.4	73.0●	-0.3	4.17
Pacific Gth	43.4	46.3	+0.4	1.51
Pract Inv Inc	63.0	67.2●	+0.1	2.78
Do Acc	117.9	125.8●	+0.3	2.78
W'wide Recov	84.0	89.8	+0.2	1.21
Selected Opportunities Tsts				
American	26.2	27.9●	..	0.43
European	53.1	56.5	..	1.18
International	109.6	116.9	+0.3	0.85
Japan	67.4	71.9	+1.3	0.00
UK	56.8	60.6	..	1.28
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton Hse, 4, Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR Tel: 01-378 7979 Dealing:01-588 0526				
Int Gth	86.2	92.1	..	1.13
American Gth	53.4	57.1	-0.2	1.27
American Inc	54.8	58.6●	..	5.19
European Gth	44.4	47.4s	..	1.17
Gold & Mnrls	46.0	49.1	-0.3	0.71
Japan Gth	64.1	68.5●	+0.5	..
Pacific Inc	75.3	80.5	+0.1	3.48
Pacific Strat	39.4	42.1	+0.2	0.41
UK Prog Inc	69.0	73.7	+0.2	4.73
UK Spec Opps	132.2	141.3	+0.9	1.45
Gt British	36.3	38.8	+0.2	3.38
UK Sml Co	33.1	35.4●	..	0.96
GRE UNIT MANAGERS Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN Tel: 01-588 9903				
Gt/Fxd Interest	119.0	123.7	-0.3	9.02
Gth Equity	237.5	251.4	+1.3	1.13
Guardhill	302.3	313.2	+0.5	3.21
Income Tst	95.1	100.7	+0.3	5.28
Int Tst	106.0	112.2●	+0.7	0.67
N American	113.2	119.8●	-0.6	1.34
Pacific	257.8	272.5●	+2.3	0.00
Prop Share	352.6	373.2	-0.5	1.95
Smaller Co	274.8	290.8●	+0.1	1.84
European Tst	219.2	232.0	+0.3	1.32
GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ, Tel: 01-623 9333				
Global Gth	35.8	38.1	-0.3	0.80
High Income	89.8	95.7●	+0.1	5.41
N Amer Tst	87.5	93.1●	..	0.82
Pacific Gth	40.4	43.0	-0.1	0.50
Recovery	305.7	325.3●	+0.5	2.42
St Vincent Inc	103.8	108.3	-0.2	5.79
St Vinc US Gth	47.4	49.4	+0.4	1.13
Temp B Sm Co	239.9	253.1	..	3.27
TBUST	141.9	153.3	..	2.89
Euro Gth Tst	40.4	43.0	..	0.80
HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Admin: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, Tel: Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261610				
Amer Eqty Inc	49.1	52.1●	+0.1	6.45
Canadian Tst	41.1	43.6	+0.2	1.24
Equity Income	102.2	108.4	+0.4	5.63
European Tst	76.9	81.6●	+0.1	1.04
High Income	81.0	85.9●	+0.6	5.93
Int Sits Tst	47.7	50.9	-0.2	0.83
Japan/F East	116.9	124.0●	+1.2	0.05
Nth Amer Tst	50.0	53.1	-0.1	1.32
Recov & Asset	60.3	64.3	+0.3	2.50
Scandinavian	68.6	72.8	+1.0	1.18
Smlr Co	32.9	35.3a	+0.1	1.15
UK New Gen	36.4	38.6	+0.2	1.17
HENDERSON Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex. Tel: 0277 261010				
Amer Recov	82.5	87.5	..	0.00
Amer Smlr Co	35.3	37.5●	..	0.00
Australian	85.8	91.0●	-0.7	2.03
Best of World	46.1	48.8	..	2.40
Cap Gth Inc	60.1	63.8●	+0.4	2.39
Do Acc	71.0	75.3●	+0.2	2.39
European	189.6	201.0	..	0.79
Euro Inc Tst	39.0	41.4	+0.2	5.23
Euro Smlr Co	68.3	72.4	..	0.11
Extra Income	225.1	239.3●	+0.9	3.80
Financial Tst	159.4	169.0	+0.3	2.75
Fxd Interest	55.8	59.1●	-0.3	8.29
Gilt Tst	43.4	46.0	-0.1	8.91
Global Health	77.5	82.2	+0.7	0.00
Global Inc/Gth	58.3	61.7	+0.1	4.13
Global Resrce	63.2	67.0	-0.3	0.65
Global Tech	95.7	101.5	+0.3	0.47
Gold	32.4	34.4	-0.3	1.73
High Income	240.1	254.1	+1.0	4.08
Hong Kong	50.6	53.6	-0.3	2.48
Inc & Gth Inc	181.4	192.0	+1.1	3.22
Do Acc	369.4	391.0	+2.1	3.22
Income Asset	126.2	133.6	+0.7	3.99
International	143.1	151.7●	-1.1	1.17
Jap Spec Sits	194.0	205.7	+1.6	0.00
Japan Tst	189.7	201.1	+0.8	0.00
Nth American	102.8	109.0	..	0.49
Pacific Sml Co	77.4	82.1●	+0.1	0.00
Pension Man	41.9	44.2	+0.1	2.31
Pref & Gilt	60.0	63.5●	-0.1	8.84
Recovery Tst	133.5	141.3	+0.3	1.92
Sing & Malay	28.2	29.9	+0.5	0.15
Smlr Co Div	168.3	178.1c	+0.6	4.21
Spec Sits Inc	173.2	183.3●	+0.8	1.35
Do Acc	247.4	261.8●	+1.0	1.35
Worldwide	460.7	487.6	..	2.27
Euro Expt	94.8	99.8●	+0.6	1.88
Glob Tec Expt	67.8	71.4	+0.3	0.00
Hi Inc Exempt	157.0	165.3●	+0.8	4.73
Japan Expt	188.8	198.4	+2.2	0.00
N Amer Expt	72.7	76.6	..	0.88
Pacific Exmpt	161.0	168.9c	-0.7	1.26
Sml Co Exmpt	166.5	175.3	+0.4	1.28
Best of Brit	36.7	38.9	+0.3	2.76
Spirit Of East	36.2	38.4●	..	2.39
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon Tel: 01-686 4355 01-628 8011				
British Units	60.2	64.4s	..	3.33
Capital Units	108.8	116.4	+0.3	2.85
Dollar Units	158.4	169.5c	-1.7	1.92
European	106.4	113.8	-0.3	0.00
Far East	132.8	142.1	+0.5	0.57
Financial	406.2	434.5●	+2.2	2.43
GF Interest Inc	28.2	29.4	-0.1	9.08
High Yield	81.1	86.8	+0.4	4.93
Income	98.7	105.6c	+1.1	4.40
International	121.0	129.5	+0.7	1.65
Japan Tech	55.1	59.0	+0.3	0.00
Nat Resources	40.6	43.5●	..	1.35
Security	213.8	228.7	+1.2	2.83
Smaller Co	114.9	122.9●	+0.3	0.95
Spec Sits	117.5	125.7●	-0.1	1.85
US Smlr Co	22.9	24.5	+0.3	1.02
IBI FUND MANAGERS 36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN Tel: 01-236 4210				
Brit & O'seas	126.0	133.4	+0.4	2.15
Inc Plus	75.0	75.1●	..	3.30
Cap Gth	67.1	71.1●	..	3.03
Inv Tst Fnd	75.0	79.4	..	1.20
KEY FUND MANAGERS 86, High Street Hythe Kent CT21 5AJ Tel: 0303 64779				
Equity & Gen	56.4	60.2	..	1.87
Gt/Fxd Interest	70.3	76.1	..	8.85
Higher Inc	135.4	144.6	+0.8	5.91
Income	84.6	90.1	+0.1	3.98
International	53.9	57.7s	..	1.10
KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED 10 Fenchurch St London EC3 Tel: 01-623 8000 Dealers:01-929 0778				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	49.7	52.9	+0.2	6.09
Do Acc	49.7	52.9	+0.2	6.09
Gilt Yield Inc	111.5	114.9	-0.2	9.28
Do Acc	216.3	222.2	-0.4	9.28
Global Inc	135.0	143.6	+0.8	4.81
Do Acc	237.5	252.7	+1.2	4.81
High Yield Inc	107.6	114.5●	+1.5	5.80
Do Acc	229.8	244.5	+2.9	5.80
Capital Gth Trusts				
Am Sm Co Inc	48.8	51.9	+0.4	0.46
Do Acc	50.2	53.4	+0.3	0.46
N American Inc	39.6	42.1	-0.2	1.87
Do Acc	45.5	49.5	-0.2	1.87
European Inc	78.1	83.1	-0.4	2.21
Do Acc	97.4	103.6	-0.7	2.21
Euro Spec Inc	51.8	55.1	..	2.19
Do Acc	51.8	55.1	..	2.19
Fd Of Invst Inc	22.2	23.6●	+0.1	2.12
Do Acc	29.1	31.0	+0.3	2.12
General Inc	188.3	200.3	+0.4	3.09
Do Acc	265.8	282.8	+0.7	3.09
Int Recov Inc	109.4	116.4	+1.5	1.31
Do Acc	117.0	124.5	+1.7	1.31
Japan Inc	272.3	289.7	+3.4	0.18
Do Acc	275.3	292.9	+3.5	0.18
Jap Spec Inc	134.4	143.0●	+2.3	0.04
Do Acc	135.1	143.7●	+2.4	0.04
Master Acc	142.2	150.7	+0.4	1.78
Pacific Inc	161.0	171.3●	+0.5	0.38
Do Acc	182.6	194.3	+0.6	0.38
Smlr Co Inc	104.3	111.0	-0.5	1.37
Do Acc	125.9	133.9	-0.8	1.37
UK Eq Gth Inc	29.2	31.1	..	2.14
Do Acc	48.9	52.0	..	2.14
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 53, George Street, Edinburgh Tel: 031-225 4909				
European	35.5	37.8	..	0.00
Extra Income	22.1	23.5●	..	4.87
Far East	18.8	20.0●	+0.1	0.00
Income & Gth	59.7	63.5	+0.2	4.44
Int Gth	36.5	38.8●	+0.2	2.08
Japan	55.0	58.5	+0.6	0.00
N Amer Equity	21.2	22.5	..	0.00
UK Equity	52.8	56.3●	+0.2	3.06
LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex Tel: Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 261010				
Equity Dist	287.7	306.1●	+0.8	2.82
Do Acc	467.9	497.8●	+1.3	2.82
Do Income	74.0	78.7	+0.3	4.42
European	54.6	58.1	+0.1	2.15
Far Eastern	134.3	142.9	+1.3	0.02
Fixed Interest	47.8	50.8	+0.2	8.50
Gilt	82.6	87.4●	-0.3	6.96
Global Gth	45.6	48.5	..	1.46
International	43.7	46.5	..	5.44
Jap Tst	69.1	73.5	+0.7	0.01
O'seas Equity	76.0	80.9	..	1.17
Natural Res	76.9	81.8●	-0.6	1.91
N American	66.5	70.7	-0.3	1.56
UK Recovery	48.3	51.4	+0.2	1.50
UK Spec Sits	86.0	91.5	+0.3	1.80
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Registrars Dpt, Goring-By-Sea, Worthing, W Sussex Tel: 0634 834313				
Balanced	204.0	217.0	..	3.19
Do Acc	376.6	400.6	..	3.19
Con Euro Gt	31.2	33.1	..	0.51
Do Acc	31.5	33.5	..	0.51
Energy Int	56.3	59.8	..	2.83
Do Acc	65.0	69.1	..	2.83
Extra Income	184.4	196.1	..	5.16
Do Acc	351.2	373.6	..	5.16
German Gt	48.8	51.8	..	0.81
Do Acc	49.6	52.7	..	0.81
Income	317.1	337.3●	..	4.52
Do Acc	668.6	709.1	..	4.52
Int Tech	168.3	176.9	..	0.29
Do Acc	174.3	185.4	..	0.29
Japan Gth	95.8	101.9c	..	0.01
Do Acc	96.1	102.2●	..	0.01
Masterfst Inc	39.2	41.7	..	1.40
Do Acc	39.2	41.7	..	1.40
N Amer & Gen	98.5	102.8	..	1.54
Do Acc	106.0	112.7	..	1.54
N Am SC Rec	51.5	54.7	..	0.01
Do Acc	51.5	54.7	..	0.01
Pacific Basin	144.4	153.6	..	0.24
Do Acc	151.3	160.9	..	0.24
Smlr Co/Rec	275.0	292.5	..	1.54
Do Acc	314.2	334.2	..	1.94
UK Gth Fund	55.8	59.3	..	2.06
Do Acc	57.1	60.7	..	2.06
Worldwide Gth	176.0	187.2	..	0.76
Do Acc	248.8	264.6	..	0.76
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS Tel: 0392 282673				
General	48.9	51.9	+0.2	3.60
Income	44.7	47.5●	+0.2	5.60
International	34.1	36.2	..	0.30
American	27.0	28.7	-0.2	0.90
Japan	51.6	54.8	+0.3	..
Tst of Invest	34.7	36.2●	..	2.00
M & G SECURITIES Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ Tel: 01-626 4588 Dealing : 0245-266266				
Amer / Gen Inc	178.3	188.1	-0.3	1.48
Do Acc	211.9	223.6	+12.5	1.48
Amer Recovery	200.1	211.1c	+0.3	1.09
Do Acc	220.1	232.2	+0.6	1.09
Am Sm Co Acc	42.0	44.3	+0.3	0.19
Australia Acc	100.0	105.5	+0.4	1.57
Commod Acc	285.1	300.8	-0.2	1.72
Compound Gth	507.2	540.2c	+1.0	2.81
Conversn Gth	424.1	453.8	-0.7	3.39
Do Inc	236.3	249.3	+0.4	5.55
Dividend Inc	511.1	541.8	+2.0	5.06
Do Acc	£15.84	16.79	+0.06	5.06
European Acc	245.5	261.3	-0.2	1.49
Extra Yield Inc	293.6	309.8●	-0.1	5.13
Do Acc	677.4	714.7	-0.2	5.13
Far East Inc	129.8	136.9	..	1.81
Do Acc	160.8	169.6	..	1.81
Fd Of Inv Inc	289.8	310.2	+0.8	2.51
Do Acc	468.5	501.3	+1.3	2.51
General Inc	754.4	785.9	+2.8	4.06
Do Acc	£16.63	17.55	+0.06	4.06
Gt/Fxd Interest	61.8	64.9	..	9.09
Do Acc	105.7	111.0	-0.1	9.09
Gold Income	44.9	47.4	-1.6	1.40
Do Acc	48.7	51.4	-1.7	1.40
Hi Income Inc	402.3	430.5	+1.1	5.11
Do Acc	£11.50	12.30	+0.02	5.11
Int Growth Inc	737.5	785.4	+1.7	1.56
Do Acc	£12.04	12.82	+0.02	1.56
Int Income	54.6	58.2●	+0.1	5.62
Japan Acc	975.1	1028.7	+8.1	0.00
Japan Sm Acc	114.1	120.9c	+1.3	0.00
Mid / Gen Inc	839.5	885.7c	+4.2	3.93
Do Acc	£21.72	22.92	+0.10	3.93
Recovery Inc	496.4	526.2	+0.6	3.80
Do Acc	663.2	703.0	+0.9	3.80
2nd Gen Inc	877.2	925.4	+2.1	3.44
Do Acc	£18.01	19.00	+0.04	3.44
Smlr Co Inc	934.5	989.9	+1.7	2.91
Do Acc	£15.15	16.21	+0.02	2.91
Trustee Fd Inc	562.1	598.6c	+1.3	4.07
Charibd Inc 3	113.7		+0.5	10.32
Charifd Inc 2	499.1	504.1	..	5.43
Pen Exempt 1	578.9	593.4c	..	4.14
Nascf Inc 3	43.6		+0.3	8.47
Do Acc 3	612.6		+3.8	8.47
MIM BRITANNIA UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square London EC2M 4YR Tel: 01-626 3434 Dealing only: 0800 010733 (Intermediary) 0800 010333 (Public)				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Gth Gilt	65.8	68.8	-0.1	1.03
Smaller Co	193.6	206.5	+0.4	0.96
Spec Feats	98.9	105.6●	+1.1	0.51
Do Acc	105.0	112.0●	+1.1	0.58
General Funds				
UK Growth	38.8	41.4	+0.5	1.55
Asset/Earn Di	51.3	54.7	-0.2	2.14
Do Acc	52.1	55.6	+0.2	2.10
GB Co	326.8	348.4	+0.3	3.14
Managed Inv	51.6	55.0	+0.3	0.90
High Income Funds				
Extra Income	70.0	74.7	+0.1	6.44
Gilt	26.7	28.1	..	8.52
Income / Gth	249.4	266.0●	+0.7	4.01
Nat High Inc	230.5	245.9●	+0.2	4.91
Pref Shares	20.1	21.4	+0.1	8.59
Sector Specialist Funds				
Commod	133.0	141.9	-1.1	1.10
Financial Sec	40.8	43.5	+0.1	1.60
Gold	46.2	49.9	-0.6	0.07
Do Acc	48.0	51.8	-0.5	0.07
Int Leisure	14.7	15.7	+0.1	0.00
Prop Shares	74.1	79.0●	+0.4	0.63
Univ Energy	52.8	56.1	-0.3	1.54
World Tech	34.3	36.5	+0.2	0.28
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	105.9	111.9	+0.5	3.37
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	74.4	79.4●	..	1.96
Australian Gth	38.2	40.7●	-0.5	1.26
Euro Perf	62.0	66.1	+0.3	0.81
Do Acc	62.1	66.2	+0.2	0.81
Euro Smlr Co	11.0	11.7	+0.1	0.46
Far East	59.2	63.1	+0.5	0.39
French Gth	29.8	31.8	-0.2	0.46
Hong Kong	19.0	20.3	..	2.26
Int Growth	33.7	35.9●	..	1.42
Int Recovery	99.1	105.7	+0.6	0.68
Japan Perf	91.4	97.5	+1.0	0.00
Do Acc	91.4	97.5	+1.0	0.00
Japan Sm Cos	21.4	22.8	+0.2	0.00
Sing Asean Inc	23.6	25.2	+0.5	1.02
Do Acc	23.6	25.2	+0.5	1.02
US Sml Co	30.2	32.5	+0.6	0.30
Do Acc	50.7	54.1	+0.7	0.30
Overseas Income Funds				
Int Bond	44.8	47.8	+0.1	7.32
Int Inc/Gth	50.8	54.2●	+0.2	4.15
US Income	43.3	46.2●	-0.1	5.37
Do Acc	49.4	52.7●	-0.1	4.71
NEL Trusts				
Nelstar Gilt	71.2	73.0●	-0.1	8.65
Britannia Arrow (Formerly County Unit Trusts)				
Europe	54.5	58.1	+0.2	0.87
Extra Inc	208.8	222.7●	+1.0	5.48
Financial	171.2	182.6	+1.4	2.95
Global Inc	56.7	60.4●	+0.1	3.73
Income Gth	48.8	52.0	-0.1	3.94
Int Recovery	120.9	128.9	+0.6	1.05
Japan Gth	230.2	245.5	+2.3	0.00
N Amer Gth	86.2	91.9	-0.1	1.96
Sml Co	267.5	285.3	+1.6	1.52
SE Asia	58.6	62.5●	+1.0	0.78
Spec Sit Acc	342.7	365.5	..	1.81
MLA UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1, Sessions House Square, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX Tel: 0622 674751				
American	20.4	21.7	+0.2	0.94
Emerging	19.6	20.9	+0.1	0.29
General	37.7	40.1	+0.2	2.73
International	51.7	55.0●	..	1.96
Gilt Unit	26.1	26.9	..	8.06
Inc / Gth	63.9	68.0	+0.6	3.56
European	27.4	29.1●	..	1.26
Safety First	23.7	25.2	..	6.21
UK Smlr Cos	22.8	24.3	..	3.36
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33, King William St, EC4R 9AS Tel: 01-280 2860				
Amer Gth	81.7	86.9	..	1.23
Do Acc	88.4	91.9	..	1.23
Amer Income	39.0	41.4●	..	4.14
Do Acc	44.7	47.5●	..	4.14
European Gth	105.6	112.3	-0.1	1.43
Do Acc	110.5	117.5	..	1.43
General	287.9	306.2	-0.1	2.19
Do Acc	487.8	518.9	..	2.19
Gilt / Fixed	94.1	94.5	-0.3	7.58
Do Acc	116.7	117.2	-0.3	7.58
Income	98.2	104.4	+0.5	3.66
Do Acc	116.3	123.7	+0.8	3.66
International	255.1	271.3	+0.8	1.85
Do Acc	322.9	343.5	+1.1	1.85
Japan	196.7	209.2	+1.2	0.00
Do Acc	201.9	214.7	+1.1	0.00
Recovery	250.3	266.2●	..	2.80
Do Acc	277.3	295.0●	..	2.80
Exempt Dist	288.0	295.3	..	3.14
Do Acc	460.4	472.2	-0.1	3.14
Euro Fd Inc	59.5	63.2	-0.5	4.80
Do Acc	63.5	67.5	-0.4	4.80
Amer Smlr Dist	37.7	40.1	+0.1	0.55
Do Acc	38.1	40.5	..	0.55
Br Blu Chp Di	41.3	43.9●	..	2.78
Do Acc	42.4	45.1●	..	2.78
Global Dist	41.4	44.0●	..	0.83
Do Acc	41.9	44.5●	..	0.83
High Inc Dist	45.0	47.9●	+0.1	5.35
Do Acc	46.6	49.5●	+0.1	5.35
Hi Interest Dist	45.7	48.6●	..	9.26
Do Acc	48.8	51.9●	..	9.26
Pacific Dist	34.8	37.0	-0.2	0.19
Do Acc	34.8	37.0	-0.2	0.19
UK Smlr Dist	42.2	44.9	..	2.18
Do Acc	43.1	45.8	..	2.18
Am Sm Co Ex	34.6	35.4●	..	0.39
Do Acc	34.8	35.6●	..	0.35
MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Deacon House 192, Eyre St Sheffield S1 3RD Tel: 0742 529888				
Capital Inc	100.5	107.2	..	2.14
Do Acc	140.8	150.1	..	2.14
Commod / Gen	123.3	127.6	-0.3	2.50
Do Acc	173.2	153.8	-0.4	2.50
Extra Hi Inc	67.1	71.2●	+0.1	7.12
Do Acc	85.7	91.0●	-0.1	7.12
Gilt/Fxd Inc	55.2	57.5	-0.1	8.19
Do Acc	101.1	105.3	-0.2	8.19
High Yield	188.8	200.4●	+0.5	5.25
Do Acc	340.4	361.2	+1.0	5.25
Income	205.8	219.5	+0.7	3.82
Do Acc	355.7	377.5	+1.3	3.82
Int Hi St Di	48.7	51.7●	-0.3	1.94
Do Acc	49.5	52.6●	-0.3	1.94
Japan / Pacific	298.0	317.5	+1.8	0.96
Do Acc	313.3	333.8	+2.0	0.96
N Amer Inc	93.8	99.8	-0.5	1.75
Do Acc	114.2	121.5	+0.7	1.75
Euro Gth Inc	94.0	99.7	+0.1	1.48
Do Acc	114.4	121.3	-0.1	1.48
Managed Port	57.2	62.6	+0.2	1.92
Smlr Co Inc	148.9	158.3	+0.2	1.92
Do Acc	162.8	172.8	+0.2	1.92
MORGAN GRENFELL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 46, New Broad Street, London EC2M 1UT Tel: 01-826 0826 Enquiries: 01-825 0123				
American Gth	93.0	98.9	-0.4	3.44
European Gth	94.0	100.0	-0.2	3.25
Intl Gth	94.0	102.0	..	1.80
UK Equity Inc	96.4	102.6	+0.3	5.12
Do Acc	96.4	102.6	+0.3	5.12
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile Street Glasgow G2 2PX Tel: 0345 090833				
American Inc	89.9	95.9	..	3.84
European	37.6	40.1s	..	1.73
Far Eastern	77.5	82.7	-0.3	0.78
Olympiad	37.0	39.4	+0.1	1.07
Olympiad Inc	32.8	35.0	..	5.03
Smlr Co	63.6	67.8s	+0.2	1.35
UK Equity Inc	69.6	74.2●	..	4.82
UK Gth	48.1	51.3	+0.2	2.68
N M SCHRODER Enterprise House, Portsmouth Tel: 0705 827733				
American Acc	21.6	22.9	-0.6	1.67
Australia Acc	122.8	130.8	-1.3	1.11
Conscience Inc	42.8	45.5	+0.2	2.20
Do Acc	42.8	45.5	+0.2	2.20
European Inc	96.9	103.0●	+0.3	1.01
Do Acc	100.6	107.0●	+0.3	1.01
Extra Inc Inc	65.5	73.9●	..	6.78
Extra Inc Acc	79.6	84.6●	..	6.78
F East Gth Acc	83.0	88.2	+0.5	0.80
Gilt/Fxd Inc	55.4	58.4	-0.2	7.91
Gold Fd Inc	39.2	41.7●	-0.4	1.80
Do Acc	42.1	44.7●	-0.4	1.80
Income Inc	43.7	46.4s	-0.4	5.21
Do Acc	103.2	109.7s	+0.2	5.21
Int Income	22.2	23.6	..	1.10
Do Acc	31.0	32.9	..	1.10
Jap Sm Co Ac	188.1	200.1	+1.4	0.00
Sing/Mal Acc	55.1	58.8	+0.7	0.78
Sm Co Inc Acc	32.8	34.8●	+0.2	1.63
Spec Sits Inc	27.0	28.7s	+0.2	1.46
Do Acc	28.5	30.3●	+0.2	1.46
Tokyo Fd Inc	67.4	71.7a	+0.8	0.00
Do Acc	68.1	72.4a	+0.8	0.00
US Sm Co Acc	41.9	44.5	+0.3	0.00
UK Equity Inc	118.2	123.6	+0.9	3.65
Do Acc	185.7	198.6	+1.5	3.65
PEARL TRUST MANAGERS LTD 252, High Holb, WC1V 7EB Tel: 01-405 8441				
Gth Tst Inc	94.8	100.9●	+0.3	2.86
Do Acc	147.6	157.0●	+0.5	2.86
Income Tst	147.2	156.6●	+0.5	3.96
Int Equity Inc	131.3	139.7	+0.1	1.92
Do Acc	133.8	142.3	+0.1	1.92
Equity Tst Inc	146.5	155.9	+0.4	3.16
Do Acc	252.0	268.7	+0.7	3.16
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48, Hart Street, Henley On Thames Tel: 0491 576868				
Int Growth	254.3	271.4	+0.4	1.93
Income	204.0	217.3●	+0.2	4.88
W'wide Rec	133.6	142.6	+0.2	1.78
Amer Gth	60.1	64.2	..	0.92
Int Emerg Co	68.0	72.6●	+0.4	1.40
Far East Gth	89.6	95.7	+0.2	1.51
European Gth	49.3	52.6	..	1.59
UK Growth	36.4	38.9●	..	2.68
High Income	49.4	52.7	+0.1	6.59
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 222, Bishopsgate, London EC2 Tel: 01-247 7544/7				
International	105.9	114.5●	-0.1	0.90
High Income	76.7	82.5	-0.2	4.08
Conv & Gilt	119.5	128.6	..	5.28
Far Eastern	204.7	221.3●	+0.7	0.00
Nth American	102.1	110.5●	+0.6	0.00
Spec Sits	82.3	89.0	-0.1	1.14
Technology	108.1	116.9	+0.4	0.00
Extra Income	115.4	124.1●	+0.1	4.20
Euro Gth / Inc	38.1	41.2	..	3.05
PRUDENTIAL HOLBORN UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59, Ilford Hill, Ilford Essex, IG1 2DL Tel: 478 3377 LinkLine 0800 010345				
Holb Equity	471.2	498.6●	+2.6	3.08
European	86.4	92.0	-0.1	0.90
Holb Comms	56.5	60.1	+0.2	0.51
Holb High Inc	79.1	84.5●	+0.1	6.69
Holb Int	93.7	99.7	-0.1	0.88
Japanese	136.9	146.4●	+0.9	0.04
N American	66.8	71.8	+0.3	0.77
Holb Spec Sits	78.2	83.6	+0.1	2.30
Holb UK Gth	87.3	93.4	+0.8	2.82
Holb Premier	42.3	45.2a	-0.1	7.40
Holb Smlr Co	61.7	66.0c	-0.1	3.17
Holb Eqty Inc	60.5	64.6	+0.2	4.51
Holb Int Sm Co	41.7	44.6●	+0.2	0.05
NM ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT LIMITED St Swithins Lane, London EC4N 8NR 01-634 2981/4				
Income	107.3	114.1	..	4.12
Japan	212.2	225.7	..	..
Major UK Co	57.7	61.4	..	2.67
Smlr Australia	62.7	66.7●	..	0.86
American Inc	230.3	245.0	..	1.03
Do Acc	254.3	270.5	..	1.03
Smlr Co	195.2	207.7●	..	1.74
Smlr Canada	35.5	37.8●	..	0.85
Smlr Euro Co	141.9	151.0	..	1.16
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE Tel: 0733-230000				
Equity Tst	67.8	72.1	..	2.05
Gilt Tst	27.9	29.3	..	8.00
Equity Dist	142.5	151.6	..	1.24
Do Acc	202.9	215.9	..	1.25
Hi Income Tst	105.8	112.6●	..	3.64
Do Acc	130.6	139.0●	..	3.64
US Growth	49.4	52.8●	..	1.09
Do Acc	50.9	54.2●	..	1.09
Worldwide Eq	70.6	75.0	..	1.09
ROYAL TRUST FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 3, Finsbury Square, London EC2A 1RT Tel: 01-638 2433 Dealing: 01-638 2531				
Capital Gth Inc	68.8	73.9	+0.4	3.31
Do Acc	81.0	87.0	+0.5	3.31
Pacific Basin	135.9	145.1	+0.6	0.69
Do 6% Wthd	66.1	70.0	+0.3	0.69
Finance/Prop	82.9	89.1	+0.5	2.61
Fixed & Conv	50.5	54.3	+0.1	8.28
Do Acc	92.5	99.4	+0.2	8.28
Equity Income	56.6	106.0	+0.5	4.41
Do Acc	244.5	262.9	+1.1	4.41
High Yield Inc	98.3	105.8	..	5.39
Do Acc	290.9	302.0	..	5.39
Int Income	80.8	86.8	+0.4	1.72
Do Acc	83.3	89.5	+0.4	1.72
Do 5% Wthd	71.4	76.7	+0.3	1.72
Preference Inc	46.1	49.0●	+0.6	6.86
Do Acc	166.5	177.1●	+2.1	6.86
Smaller Co	73.3	79.8	+0.4	1.79
Do Acc	80.1	85.1	+0.3	1.76
Pres Canada	42.2	44.0	+0.3	0.09
Pres Commod	45.0	46.9	+0.3	0.00
Pres Europa	90.5	94.3	-0.5	0.00
Pres Global	46.8	48.7	-0.4	5.48
Pres Gold	40.7	42.4	-0.2	0.12
Pres HK	23.3	25.5	-0.1	0.09
Pres Japan	115.5	120.4●	+0.8	0.00
Pres Sl/Mal	33.2	34.6	+0.2	0.10
Prestige UK	87.6	91.3	+0.4	1.42
Prestige US	54.5	56.8	-0.3	1.51
W'wide Alpha	47.5	50.7	+0.5	..
Do Acc	47.5	50.7	+0.5	..
SAVE & PROSPER 28, Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB Tel: (Romford) 0708-766966				
Amer Inc/Gth	49.3	52.4	+0.1	9.17
Capital US	99.4	105.7	+0.1	2.16
Commodity	61.4	65.3	+0.1	0.96
European Gth	86.3	91.8	+0.5	1.84
Financial Sec	103.1	109.6	+0.4	2.55
Hi Return Uts	221.6	235.7	+0.9	4.77
Hi Yield Uts	197.1	209.6●	+0.7	4.51
Income Uts	111.5	118.6	..	5.83
Investment Tst	97.2	103.4●	+0.2	2.97
Japan Gth	119.8	127.4	+0.9	0.00
Japan Smr Co	145.6	154.8	+0.6	0.00
Masterfund	32.5	34.9	+0.1	2.62
Scotbits	148.9	158.4	+0.8	2.80
Scotshares	208.9	222.2	+1.2	2.72
Scotyields	187.1	199.0	+0.7	4.29
Select Int	81.5	86.6●	+0.2	1.93
Smlr Co Inc	211.1	224.5●	+0.3	4.30
Spec Sits	119.9	127.5	+0.4	1.73
UK Equity	206.7	219.8	+0.6	3.21
US Growth	64.0	68.0	-0.1	1.95
SCIMITAR ASSET MANAGEMENT 8 Crosby Square London EC3A 6AQ Tel: 01-588 6993/4/5				
UK Equity Inc	32.8	34.6	+0.8	5.42
Do Acc	35.1	37.0	+0.9	..
UK Cap Gt	24.4	25.7	+0.5	0.75
Euro Tst Inc	20.4	21.8	+0.1	0.11
Do Acc	20.5	21.9	+0.2	..
Global Gth Inc	28.7	30.6	..	0.19
Do Acc	28.9	30.8	..	..
Man Exempt	140.8	148.7●	+2.4	..
Pacific Basin	29.9	31.9	+0.2	..
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19, St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031 225 2211				
Nelson Tst	209.7	224.3●	+0.6	2.74
Colombus	123.5	132.1●	-0.1	1.34
Marco Polo	217.7	232.9●	+1.2	0.22
Da Vinci	219.4	234.7●	..	1.63
Drake Tst	52.1	55.8●	+0.1	2.20
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS 109, Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN Tel: 041-248 6100				
UK Equity	203.6	216.7	+0.5	2.64
UK Sm Co Eq	208.4	221.8	+0.5	2.02
European	159.0	169.2●	-0.5	1.16
N American	106.9	113.8●	-0.4	1.54
Income Plus	52.5	56.3	..	..
UK Spec Sit	61.7	65.7	+0.2	2.65
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MNGMNT LTD 6 St Andrews Sq, Edinburgh E2 Tel: 031-556 9181				
Equity Gth	17.88	18.92s	+0.01	3.13
Int Growth	16.92	18.11s	-0.01	1.72
Global Inc	18.71	20.03s	-0.07	5.45
Mkt Leaders	16.41	17.56s	+0.06	3.26
SCOTTISH UNIT MANAGERS 48, Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7HF Tel: 031-226 4372				
Pacific	82.3	87.4	+0.7	0.00
Income Fd	53.1	56.4	+0.3	3.98
European	33.8	35.9	+0.2	1.18
N American	23.3	24.8●	+0.1	4.82
Gth & Rec	47.2	50.1	+0.3	2.46
Int Growth	431.5	459.0●	+1.2	1.98
SIM UNIT MANAGEMENT Enterprise House Portsmouth Tel: 0705 827733				
O'seas Sml Co	45.2	48.0	+0.2	0.40
Pension/Charit	647.8	689.1	..	3.59
Recovery	£10.28	10.92	+0.43	3.14
UK Sm Co Ex	101.0	107.4	+1.1	1.59
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3, George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ Tel: 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	25.3	26.9	+0.3	2.25
Equity Gth Acc	30.9	32.9	+13.9	2.66
Equity High Inc	30.5	32.5●	+0.3	4.08
Equity Gen Acc	31.5	33.5●	+0.3	2.69
Do Income	27.2	28.0●	+0.3	2.98
Gilt Fl Inc	27.4	28.9●	-0.1	7.69
O's Larger Acc	170.5	186.0●	+1.2	1.36
N Amer Acc	20.7	22.0	+0.1	1.46
Far East Acc	40.3	42.9	+0.4	0.00
European Acc	21.0	22.4	+0.2	1.99
UK Larger Inc	192.6	209.0●	+2.4	3.82
Do Acc	208.8	227.7●	+2.7	3.82
STEWART, IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45, Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh Tel: 031-226 3271				
American Inc	177.2	188.9	+1.0	1.30
Do Acc	201.2	214.6	+1.1	..
Do Wthd	115.5	123.2	+0.7	..
Australian Inc	135.2	144.0	-0.8	0.47
Do Acc	138.0	147.0	-0.8	..
British Inc	797.3	849.2	+3.5	4.47
Do Acc	£11.34	12.08	+0.05	..
European Inc	217.1	231.2	+0.4	0.00
Do Acc	229.0	243.9	+0.4	..
Japan Inc	84.0	89.5●	+0.7	0.20
Do Acc	84.6	90.2●	+0.7	..
Saints PPP	190.6	200.9	..	..
SUN ALLIANCE Sun Alliance Hse, Horsham, Sussex Tel: 0403 56293				
Equity Acc	455.0	481.4	+1.6	2.99
Nth Amer Acc	47.9	50.9	-0.2	1.82
Far East Acc	102.8	109.3	+0.6	0.00
Worldwide Bd	44.6	47.4●	-0.2	8.50
European	43.1	45.8	+0.2	3.32
Equity Inc Tst	65.2	69.3	+0.2	4.84
World Tech	37.6	39.3	+0.1	1.13
World Finan	38.6	41.0	+0.1	2.05
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview Basingstoke Hants RG21 2DZ Tel: Dealing not/256 841414				
UK Income	31.3	33.2	+0.2	3.59
Do Gth	27.2	28.9	..	2.21
Worldwide	19.0	20.2	..	1.95
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE Tel: 0264 56789 Dealings: 0264 63432/3/4				
American Inc	88.5	94.1	-0.2	1.67
Do Acc	93.7	99.6	-0.2	1.67
Br Gth Inc	53.5	56.9●	+0.6	3.00
Do Acc	55.4	58.9●	+0.1	2.89
European Inc	44.5	47.3	..	1.30
Do Acc	45.2	48.0	..	1.30
Extra Inc Inc	142.2	151.2	-0.1	5.47
Do Acc	178.6	189.9	-0.2	5.47
General Ut Inc	174.6	185.7	-0.3	3.21
Do Acc	295.9	315.8	-0.5	3.21
Gilt & Fixed	50.2	52.2c	..	8.39
Do Acc	73.1	78.1c	-0.2	8.55
Income	259.6	276.1	+0.4	4.52
Do Acc	424.8	451.9	+0.7	4.52
International	301.3	320.5●	-4.3	1.01
Do Acc	380.0	404.2●	+0.6	1.01
Pacific	198.1	210.7	+1.1	0.33
Do Acc	205.3	218.4	+1.2	0.33
Nat Resources	53.3	56.7●	+1.0	1.75
Do Acc	56.2	59.7●	+0.8	1.74
Selected Opps	77.0	81.9●	+0.4	2.43
Do Acc	86.8	92.3●	-0.2	2.43
TARGET TRUST MANAGERS Target House, Gatehouse Rd, Aylesbury Bucks Tel: (0296) 394000				
Amer Eagle	59.6	63.3	-0.7	1.30
Australian	6.7	7.1	-0.1	0.10
Commodity	78.7	83.9	..	1.07
Equity	145.9	155.6	+0.2	3.16
Equity Exempt	110.3	117.5	..	1.56
Equity Ex Acc	209.6	223.5	..	1.56
Euro Spec Sit	69.0	73.2	+0.6	1.48
Convertible	150.5	160.5	+0.3	5.45
Financial	29.0	30.9a	..	2.03
Global Inc	55.9	59.5	+0.1	0.00
Do Acc	55.9	59.5	+0.1	..
Gold Income	48.4	51.6●	-0.2	0.96
Do Acc	89.1	95.0●	-0.4	0.96
Income	101.1	107.6●	+0.1	3.74
Japan	121.4	129.0	+0.48	0.10
Pacific Inc	108.1	115.0	+0.5	0.92
Do Reinvest	134.0	142.8	+0.6	0.92
Pref Share Fd	23.4	24.9●	+0.3	7.34
UK Capital	84.7	90.3	..	1.35
Special Sits	98.5	104.9	..	0.58
Technology	33.3	48.8	-0.2	0.10
World Cap	139.0	147.9	-0.2	1.21
World Income	47.1	50.3●	-0.1	5.85
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Cavendish Square London W1M Tel: 01-493 7262 Dealing: 01-493 8545				
Amer Opp Dist	36.3	38.7●	-0.1	1.43
Do Acc	37.1	39.6●	-0.1	1.43
Euro Opp	39.9	42.9	-0.2	1.12
F East Opp Di	72.5	77.3●	+0.1	0.53
Do Acc	72.7	77.5●	+0.1	0.53
Gold Opp Acc	30.7	32.7	-0.4	1.38
Do Dist	30.5	32.5	-0.4	1.38
Int Hi Yield	38.4	41.0	+0.4	4.77
Japanese Opp	55.6	59.3●	+0.1	0.02
Kangaroo Di	25.3	27.0	-0.2	1.68
Do Acc	25.3	27.0	-0.2	1.68
Oriental Inc	25.2	26.9●	+0.1	2.26
Do Acc	25.7	27.4●	+0.2	2.26
Pacific Tec Di	49.5	52.5●	+0.4	0.00
Do Acc	49.5	52.8●	+0.4	0.00
Tiger Dist	69.8	74.5●	+0.3	0.58
Tiger Acc	70.5	75.3●	+0.2	0.58
UK Opp Dist	45.0	48.1●	+0.2	1.96
Do Acc	46.6	49.8●	+0.2	1.96
UK Hi Yield	39.8	42.4●	+0.1	5.65
3i UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 31, Homer Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3QA Tel: 01 928-3366				
Smaller Co	53.9	57.2	-0.1	0.90
TOUCHE REMNANT Mermaid House, 2, Puddle Dock, London EC4V 3AT Tel: 01-248 1250				
American Gth	35.6	37.9	-0.1	1.66
Eur Sp Sit Inc	19.9	21.2●	..	1.58
Do Acc	20.1	20.4●	-0.5	1.58
Gen Gth	60.4	64.3	+0.2	2.53
Global Tech	46.5	49.6	+0.1	0.41
Income Gth	71.6	76.4	+1.2	4.57
Income Mnthly	57.3	61.0●	+1.2	8.52
Japan Gth	67.5	71.9	+1.4	0.10
Man Equity Inc	24.5	26.1	..	3.52
Do Acc	24.9	26.5	+0.1	3.52
O'seas Gth	48.2	51.3	+0.3	1.61
Smaller Co	85.3	90.7●	+0.1	1.61
Special Opp	98.8	105.7	+0.3	1.33
WW Spec Sits	24.1	25.6	+0.1	1.45
Do Acc	24.1	25.6	+0.1	1.45
UNITED CHARITIES UNIT TRUST Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7 Tel: 01-534 5544				
Charities	168.4	179.7●	+0.8	4.73
VANGUARD TRUST 65 Holborn Viaduct EC1A 2EU Tel: Enquiries: 01-236 3053 dealing: 01-236 2468				
Gth Inc	214.0	227.7	+0.3	2.47
Do Acc	322.8	343.4	+1.2	2.47
High Yield	269.7	286.9	+0.3	4.40
Do Acc	289.2	307.7	+0.3	4.40
Special Sits	52.7	56.1	+0.2	2.25
Do Acc	54.4	57.9	+0.2	2.25
Tstee	156.8	166.8●	+0.3	4.14
Do Acc	254.7	271.0	+0.5	4.14
Amer & Gen	53.0	56.4●	-0.3	1.90
Do Acc	54.5	58.0●	-0.2	1.90
Master Portf	166.27	67.97●	+0.18	3.82
Do Acc	138.38	70.14	+0.19	3.82
Glentrust	185.5	200.3●	..	1.38
Do Acc	192.7	209.0	..	1.38
F East/Gen Inc	55.6	59.1c	+0.3	0.00
Do Acc	55.6	59.1c	+0.3	0.00
Euro Fd Inc	35.9	38.2	-0.2	0.76
Do Acc	36.1	38.4	-0.2	0.76
WARDLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 88 Bishopsgate London EC2P 2LA Tel: 01-374 0881				
American Tst	48.8	52.1	-0.4	1.50
Pacific Perf	114.1	120.8●	+0.5	0.48
Int Growth	64.9	68.6	+0.3	0.40
Income Tst	111.7	119.5●	..	3.50
Japan Gth	181.2	193.8	+3.0	0.48
Small Co	139.2	148.8	+0.8	1.30
Technology	31.8	34.0●	-0.1	0.30
Australia	47.7	51.1	-0.4	1.30
UK Tst	159.4	169.6	+0.3	2.70
European Gth	40.5	42.8	-0.2	0.10
Hong Kong	25.2	25.7●	-0.1	1.30
International	19.4	20.6	..	0.60
Sing Malay	17.8	18.9	+0.2	1.00
Br Wrrs Tst	25.0	26.6●	..	4.00
WAVERLEY ASSET MANAGEMENT 13 Charlotte Square Edinburgh Scotland EH2 4DJ Tel: 031-225 1551				
Aus Gold	18.0	19.1	+0.1	0.00
Pacific Basin	21.7	23.0	..	0.18
Canadian Gth	45.5	48.4●	+0.6	0.00
Gene Mb Fd	97.8	101.7●	-2.1	8.60
Penny Share	27.1	28.8●	-0.1	..
WELLINGTON FUND MANAGERS Hibernia Chambers 2 London Bridge London SE1 9RA Tel: 01-403 5408				
Gth Fd	164.3	174.1●	..	1.39
Income Fd	107.2	113.6●	..	4.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey La EC2 8BT Tel: 01-606 9085/6				
Shr Dtd Gilt Fd	77.4	78.4●	..	0.00
US Govt Bd Fd	52.6	52.8	+0.1	..
Challenger	53.6	53.7	-0.1	0.00
WINDSOR TRUST MANAGERS LTD Windsor House, 83, Kingsway, London WC2B 6SD Tel: 01-405 8331				
Conv & Equity	67.5	71.9	-0.2	6.64
Income	78.0	80.9	-0.2	4.21
Gth	77.5	82.5●	+0.3	2.15
Prop Share	44.3	47.2	+0.3	7.82
Smaller Cos	57.7	61.4●	+0.1	1.99

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum all (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday. (20) 25th of month. (21) 2nd Thursday of month. (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month. (23) 20th of month. (24) 3rd Tuesday of month. (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month. (26) 4th Tuesday of month. (27) 1st Wednesday of month. (28) Last Thursday of month. (29) 3rd working day of month. (30) 16th of month. (31) 1st working day of month. (32) 20th of month. (33) 1st day of February, May, August, November. (34) Last working day of month. (35) 15th of month. (36) 14th of month. (37) 21st of month. (38) 3rd Wednesday of month. (39) 2nd Wednesday of month. (40) Valued monthly. (41) Last Thursday of Stock Exchange account. (42) Last day of month. (43) 2nd and 4th Wednesday of month. (44) Quarterly. (45) 6th of month. (46) 2nd Tuesday of month.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
14	7	A & M Gp	10	11½	-½	..	..	40.7
326	228	ASD	310	325	● ..	13.0	4.1	9.0
75	51	ATA Selection	58	63	-2	2.5	4.1	14.5
37	23	Aber Am Pet	29	32	..	..	..	..
60	46	Aberdeen Stk Hse	47	52	..	1.6e	3.2	..
		Access Satellite				4.4	..	..
37	22	Acorn Comp	25	28	-1	..	..	25.2
83	55	Acsis Group	65	75	+2	..	..	..
230	168	Airsprung	168	178	..	8.5	4.9	9.4
125	98	Ald Insurance	98	105	..	5.5	5.4	11.1
25	55	Ald Restaurants	73	78	●-5	1.7	2.2	..
90	76	Amer Bus Sys	77	82	-1	2.2	2.8	35.4
199	138	Antler	190	195	● ..	4.8	2.5	15.8
362	279	App Holographics	273	283	-4	..	..	..
81	64	Aran Energy	71	73	-1	..	..	..
460	340	Ashtead	420	440	+5	4.1	1.0	38.4
440	370	Aspen Comms	427	437	● ..	7.0b	1.6	18.9
308	263	Asprey	260	290	+12	5.6	2.0	15.4
36	21	Assoc Energy	35	37	..	..	..	37.5
151	110	Assoc Nursing	133	138	..	2.7b	2.0	38.9
87	73	Atlantic Sec	71	76	-1	..	..	..
233	162	Atlas Equipment	208	218	+1	9.6	4.5	11.5
121	115	Automagic	113	118	● ..	8.9	7.7	17.7
55	50	BBB Design	47	52	..	2.1	4.2	8.0
49	34	BCE	36	39	+1	1.4	3.7	15.3
85	78	BTS Grp	77	82	..	5.8	7.3	15.2
98	94	BWD	93	97	+1	5.1	5.4	7.7
205	135	Beaverco	180	190	..	6.9	3.7	14.7
120	73	Bedford (William)	83	93	● ..	6.4	7.3	8.2
103	68	Bensons Crisps	70	75	● ..	0.7	1.0	12.4
120	85	Berry,Birch & Noble	83	93	..	6.2	7.0	8.5
105	92	Bisiton&Battersea	90	100	●+2	5.8	6.1	13.2
30	27	Bio Isolates	26	29	+1	..	..	..
29	16	Biomechanics	26	28	-1	..	..	..
78	48	Blanchards	45	50	-2	..	..	7.7
500	423	Blenheim Exhib	465	495	●+10	7.3	1.5	39.9
337	263	Bluebird Toys	262	272	●+2	8.5	3.2	10.6
125	98	Bonded Laminates	120	130	● ..	4.1	3.3	17.9
51	33	Border TV	36	41	+1	2.0	5.1	10.0
121	85	Borland	108	115	+3	..	..	..
32	10	Brewmaker	9	10½	-½	2.1	21.0	41.7
143	132	Br Bloodstock	128	138	..	12.1	9.1	9.7
107	71	Br Island	98	101	..	2.7	2.7	13.6
63	31	Broad St	37	40	..	2.6	6.7	15.7
405	335	Brookmount	350	370	+10	6.1	1.7	19.4
154	95	Bryant (Derek)	100	108	..	2.7	2.6	26.7
7½	4½	Bula Resources	5	6	+½	..	..	..
262	155	Burford	257	267	+7	0.4	0.2	49.7
102	90	CCA Galleries	85	95	..	3.8	4.2	12.5
257	160	CCF	185	195	+2	4.1	2.2	9.3
120	110	CML Micro	107	112	-1	..	..	..
94	74	CPU Comp	70	78	-1	..	..	61.7
112	85	Camotech	88	96	+1	2.8	3.0	25.4
92	60	Cap & Regional	89	94	..	0.4	0.4	33.5
161	138	Carron Phoenix	158	163	..	..	..	..
215	165	Castle Comm	210	220	●+10	9.6	4.5	15.2
70	48	Catalyst	50	54	● ..	0.1	0.2	12.7
98	80	Central Motor	93	98	-2	3.4b	3.5	15.2
222	175	Chancery Secs	185	195	+2	5.5	2.9	20.6
155	120	Chelsea Man	130	140	..	4.0	3.0	14.1
39	21	Chem Methods	38	40	..	..	..	9.2
23	10	Cifer	12½	14	..	..	..	..
75	43	Citywision	68	70	+3	0.7e	1.0	27.8
170	125	[illegible]	128	138	..	2.6	2.0	8.7
168	145	Clarke Hooper	147	152	+2	3.7	2.5	16.5
28	19	Clogau Gold	24	27	..	..	..	..
120	90	Croft Oil Hldgs	91	94	..	..	..	..
100	70	Coated Electrodes	80	90	..	5.5	6.5	10.0
203	155	Colorgraphic	195	200	● ..	6.2	3.1	15.4
270	145	Colorvision	200	210	+3	4.5	2.2	19.0
111	86	Co of Designers	87	93	..	..	..	10.8
193	168	Comp Financial	182	197	..	3.4	1.8	20.8
53	38	Compsoft	40	45	..	..	..	7.2
59	37	Cons Tem Invs	45	48	+1	..	..	31.5
210	170	Contl Microwave	180	200	● ..	4.0	2.1	15.0
206	147	Cook (DC)	155	160	-2	3.9	2.5	..
148	126	Copymore	123	128	..	2.7	2.1	15.0
66	48	Corporate Prop	60	63	● ..	1.0	1.6	31.3
115	105	Cowells	112	117	..	4.8	4.2	10.6
310	300	Cramphorn	290	310	-5	4.8	1.6	20.0
85	75	Cranbrook	78	88	..	0.7	0.8	44.1
120	80	Crantock	77	87	+2	7.6	9.3	8.0
96	91	Craton Lodge	88	93	..	3.4	3.7	12.7
270	185	Creighton Labs	185	195	..	5.3	2.8	18.1
65	41	Crown TV Prods	62	67	..	..	..	24.6
225	148	Davies (DY)	145	155	..	5.5	3.7	11.8
140	113	Dean & Bowes	128	133	● ..	5.5	4.2	15.1
38	33	De Brett (Andre)	30	35	..	..	..	35.1
96	70	De Morgan	90	95	..	2.3e	2.5	..
54	50	Delmar	51	55	+1	2.0	3.7	10.2
148	100	Denmans Elec	142	152	+2	5.6	3.8	9.0
129	90	Dewey Warren	115	125	..	..	..	8.0
280	280	Dialene	270	290	..	4.1	1.5	15.3
140	105	Dolphin Packaging	128	133	+3	2.7	2.1	..
425	388	Druck	382	395	●-1	7.4	1.9	15.8
155	26	Dunton	26½	28	..	0.8	2.9	17.2
63	45	Eadie	48	53	-1	2.1	4.1	31.7
70	56	Ealing Elect Optics	56	61	●+2	2.1	3.6	7.5
73	33	Ecobric	37	40	..	..	..	..
108	76	Econ Forestry	83	88	..	4.1	4.8	12.1
34	27	Edin Oil & Gas	26	28	-1	..	..	67.5
358	325	Eldridge Pope 'A'	350	355	..	10.6	3.0	14.5
150	105	Electron House	137	147	● ..	5.6	3.8	79.3
24	13½	Entertainment Prod	21	22½	-½	..	..	9.8
170	138	Eowin	165	170	..	5.5	3.3	..
155	125	Eve Construction	145	150	● ..	6.9	4.7	10.1
41½	32	Expleura Hldgs	37	38	-½	..	..	..
90	32	F & H Group	58	61	t -1	..	..	21.2
84	73	Fairway London	77	82	● ..	4.1	5.5	13.0
81	68	Feedback	67	72	+2	3.4	4.9	18.6
72	47	Feltom Manag	52	55	..	..	..	..
27	17	Fergebrook	21	23	..	..	..	1.8
138	93	Fields (Mrs)	91	95	..	..	..	..
143	100	Filofax	138	143	●+1	4.5	3.2	13.2
76	35	Firstland	40	45	..	..	..	..
44	31	Fletcher Dennys	40	43	+3	..	..	9.8
48	39	Flextech	42	45	-2	..	..	7.7
205	175	Flogas	170	190	-5	..	..	..
35½	25	Floyd Oil	29	31	..	..	..	12.3
95	90	Ford Sellar	92	97	..	2.7	2.8	..
180	171	Forward Gp	175	180	●+2	3.0	1.7	22.1
221	211	[illegible]	217	222	-1	9.3	4.2	11.6
170	140	French Conn	140	150	..	7.2	5.0	8.7
505	480	Fuller Smith 'A'	500	510	..	7.5	1.5	20.5
400	335	GWR Gp	300	390	-20	..	..	..
60	43	GC Flooring	50	55	●+3	2.7	5.1	9.8
149	116	Gabbicci	133	138	● ..	4.9	3.6	11.9
159	135	Gardner (DC)	150	155	+2	4.1	2.7	17.6
95	80	Gee (Cecil)	78	83	..	1.4	1.7	..
150	115	Gibbons Lyons	140	160	..	5.7	3.8	18.5
211	195	Gions Mew	200	215	..	5.5	2.6	18.8
93	68	Global Gp	90	95	●+2	4.1	4.4	12.3
128	118	Godwin Warren	118	123	..	3.0	2.5	17.2
200	153	Goodhead Print	165	170	-2	5.5	3.3	13.2
113	92	Graham Motor Gp	95	105	..	1.7	1.7	..
85	70	Granyte Surface	67	72	-1	3.6	5.1	10.8
272	218	Great Southern	255	265	..	8.2	3.2	20.0
228	203	Green (Ernest)	210	235	● ..	6.8	2.7	15.8
40	26	Greenwich Cable	27	32	..	..	..	..
75	55	Guidehouse	58	63	-2	..	..	..
172	135	Hale Homes	167	177	●+2	5.1	3.0	21.2
95	73	Hampden Homecare	84	88	● ..	2.5	2.9	10.8
70	58	Hampsey Leisure	62	64	..	0.1	0.2	..
155	108	Hatfield Estates	140	150	..	2.1	1.4	..
38	19½	Hawthorn Leslie	36½	37½	+2½	0.3	0.8	37.0
93	58	Health Care	65	70	+2	1.2	1.8	17.2
720	700	Heywtree	705	735	..	17.0	2.4	19.4
675	650	Do 'A' LV	650	670	..	17.0	2.6	17.8
111	88	Hewetson	92	97	●-1	3.7	3.9	16.0
157	119	Hey & Croft	154	159	..	5.3	3.4	11.5
185	150	Highland Part	152	157	+2	..	..	..
52	40	Hille Ergonom	43	48	-2	2.7	5.9	10.9
53	39	Hobson	42	45	-1	..	..	48.4
250	208	Hodgson	210	215	..	3.2	1.5	18.7
185	140	Holders Tech	137	142	-1	8.2	5.9	..
143	84	Holmes Protection	133	138	●-3	..	..	..
153	115	Honeysuckle Gp	148	153	..	5.6	3.7	14.4
155	123	Hornby	145	150	..	5.5	3.7	10.7
111	75	Hughes Food	108	109	●+½	0.7	0.6	41.7
78	76	Hughes (HT)	75	78	..	..	..	..
36	19	Humbrol Elec	24	27	-4	..	..	..
75	56	Huntleigh Tech	53	63	-2	1.4	2.4	40.3
85	70	INSTEM	70	80	..	3.4	4.5	16.3
80	42	Image Storage	38	48	-4	..	..	..
24	6	Imtec	8½	10	-½	..	..	1.2
40	23	InfraRed	33	38	..	..	..	..
280	165	Interlarge Tech	170	195	●+18	8.8	4.8	7.9
555	375	Interlink Express	440	450	● ..	9.3	2.1	23.8
27½	21	Israel (Jack L)	23½	24½	-½	0.7	2.9	24.7
375	310	Jaques Vert	360	370	..	9.6	2.8	17.3
15	13	Jetsons	12	14	..	..	..	0.4
132	80	Johnson Fry	103	113	..	3.4	3.1	13.1
136	110	Johnstones Paints	110	115	●+2	6.5	5.8	10.0
303	150	JSB Elec	198	208	..	4.1	2.0	19.6
91	65	Just Rubber	65	70	..	2.7	4.0	11.7
323	273	Kenyon Secs	265	280	..	8.2	3.0	51.2
150	105	Kewill Systems	130	140	..	2.1	1.6	17.0
54	40	Klark-Teknik	45	50	..	1.8	3.8	10.8
118	88	Knobs & Knockers	108	113	..	1.6	1.4	..
42	31½	Kunick	39	41	..	1.4	3.5	..
75	55	LPA Ind	65	72	-2	4.1	5.9	12.0
160	133	Ladlaw Thomson	147	157	● ..	6.6	4.3	11.8
160	135	LBMS Plc	155	165	..	1.4	0.9	..
85	85	Lewmar	75	95	..	3.8	4.2	10.2
510	430	Local Lon Gp	480	500	-5	10.0	2.0	25.2
130	107	Lodge Care	103	113	..	3.8	3.5	15.4
110	95	Lon & Clydeside	98	108	..	7.8	7.6	12.0
164	153	Lon Forfaiting	158	160	-2	8.9	5.6	..
168	123	Lorin Elect	130	140	..	4.8	3.6	9.9
43	27	Lysander Pet	26	28	-1	..	..	..
86	58	M6 Cash & Carry	67	72	..	5.2	7.4	9.7
525	106	MMT Comp	115	120	..	1.5	1.3	17.3
81	73	MTL Inst New	72	76	-1	2.7b	3.6	11.3
250	190	McLaughlin & Har	232	242	●+5	11.0	4.6	10.6
83	63	Magnetic Materials	67	72	● ..	4.0	5.7	9.3
193	80	Mainmet	165	175	-5	2.4	1.4	29.6
125	100	March Gp	105	115	● ..	5.8	5.3	11.8
145	60	Marcol Gp	137	140	● ..	1.0	0.7	..
307	235	Marina Dev	260	270	..	..	..	..
215	151	Martin (Ronald)	200	210	+5	5.7	2.8	17.5
40	16	Mazoprint	15	19	+1	..	..	..
92	72	Mayborn	73	78	-2	4.8	6.3	9.0
25	19	Memory Comp	20½	22½	..	..	..	..
40	16	Memcom Intl Hldgs	14	19	..	..	..	1.1
240	175	Menvier-Swain	220	230	+2	4.7	2.1	19.4
86	80	Merc Mant New	81	86	-1	..	..	..
390	330	Merrydown Wine	370	380	..	7.5	2.0	21.3
163	130	Metal Bulletin	130	135	● ..	6.6	5.0	16.0
139	107	Metsec	135	140	●+1	4.4	3.2	13.5
40	23	Michael (John)	24	28	-1	..	..	10.4
312	265	Microsystems	260	270	..	4.1	1.5	12.1
44	28	Micronvitec	38	41	●-1	2.1	5.3	11.4
492	325	Miller & Santhouse	360	380	+15	3.9	1.1	42.5
140	110	Milward Brown	110	120	..	4.1	3.6	9.3
295	200	Miss World	280	300	● ..	11.0	3.8	14.8
270	228	Misys	233	243	..	1.6	0.7	27.7
41	32	Moirane Visions	30	35	..	..	..	18.9
145	105	Moons & Crane	108	118	+1	4.4	3.9	10.8
250	185	Monotype	233	243	..	7.3	3.1	11.2
141	116	Moorgate	130	135	..	2.5	1.9	16.5
101	90	Morris Ashby	92	97	..	4.6n	4.8	9.5
13½	8	Morris (William)	7	9	..	..	..	3.2
40	33	Mowat	35	38	..	..	..	..
113	85	Mustodia	108	118	● ..	4.1	3.6	13.1
24	15	New England Props	19	20	-1½	..	..	17.7
100	90	Do 10%	85	95	..	..	11.1	..
98	73	Newage Trans	94	99	●+1	4.8	4.9	8.5
108	105	Norfolk House	102	107	-1	..	..	..
85	42	Norham	45	52	..	1.0	2.0	..
61	36	Nth Sea & Gen	38	41	..	..	..	7.9
113	81	Northumbrian Fine	88	93	..	2.4	2.6	15.9
84	45	Oldfield Inspec	61	65	+6	..	..	9.4
345	238	Orchid Tech	225	250	..	..	..	..
257	250	Osborne & Little	250	260	+2	5.9	2.3	16.6
153	142	PCT	137	147	..	4.9	3.5	20.7
73	44	PML	45	49	-1	1.7	3.6	11.6
145	125	Pacer Systems	120	130	-5	..	..	..
260	215	Pacific Sales	247	257	●-3	2.7	1.1	37.8
295	216	Parkway	277	287	+2	2.1	0.7	36.8
24	19	Pathfinders	24	26	+1	..	..	..
14	8	Pavion	8	10	..	..	..	5.7
265	205	Pegasus	230	240	..	5.6	2.4	..
285	258	Pepe Group	260	270	..	5.1	1.9	16.7
48	38	Pencom	38	43	..	1.4	3.4	20.5
103	66	Perkins Foods	90	95	-2	1.4	1.5	26.6
295	240	Personal Computer	250	270	..	5.3	2.0	17.5
178	130	Peters (Michael)	138	143	● ..	4.5	3.2	14.0
16	9½	Petrogen	9	10½	..	..	..	..
96	53	Piccadilly Radio	93	98	●+3	3.1	3.2	21.7
94	52	Pict Pet	90	94	+2	..	..	12.8
90	68	Pineapple	77	82	..	..	..	25.4
61	56	Plasmec	56	59	-1	3.8	6.6	7.3
99	45	Platon	96	101	..	2.3	2.3	5.4
225	185	Plum Hldgs	215	225	-2	4.1	1.9	30.1
150	80	Polytech Marine	118	128	..	..	..	..
122	115	Psion	117	121	+1	..	..	..
101	78	Prism Leisure	86	90	+1	2.0	2.3	7.8
132	75	Prontaprint	127	137	..	1.4	1.1	43.0
3¼	2½	Property Trust	2½	2¾	..	..	..	..
158	138	Quarto	135	140	..	4.5	3.3	13.0
223	183	Questel	190	195	+3	7.4	3.8	9.4
99	78	RKF	94	97	-3	3.0	3.1	13.7
98	80	Radamec	85	95	+2	1.8	2.0	19.5
146	97	Radio City 'A'	142	149	+12	..	..	18.5
139	89	Radio Clyde	133	140	+3	5.8	4.2	13.4
242	96	Radius	122	127	s ..	2.9	2.3	34.4
25	22	Ramco Oil	21	24	..	..	..	5.6
180	130	Ramus	135	145	● ..	8.9	6.4	7.6
161	121	Randsworth	145	149	●-2	1.4	1.0	39.7
94	72	Real Time Control	68	75	..	2.7	3.8	12.5
60	46	Regina Health	46	48	-2	0.4	0.9	30.3
145	103	Reliance Sec	100	110	..	6.2	5.9	9.6
40	34	Reliant Motor	33	36	-1	..	..	12.5
18	15½	Resort Hotels	16½	18	-½	0.6n	3.4	12.2
88	68	Rockwood	79	84	●-1	0.6	0.7	16.3
181	173	Rolfe & Nolan	172	175	..	4.8	2.8	19.1
100	91	Rural Planning	95	100	..	2.7	2.8	20.2
181	133	SAC	133	138	..	4.8	3.5	13.8
48	28	SEP Indl	28	31	..	..	..	9.8
150	132	Sanders Sydney	140	150	..	8.2	5.7	16.2
32	12½	Sapphire Pet	12	13½	..	..	..	1.7
240	180	Savage	180	190	● ..	3.4	1.8	23.7
128	95	Scantro	110	115	..	3.4	3.0	16.2
199	150	Scot Heritable	188	194	●+3	6.9	3.6	10.8
217	158	Sec Archives	180	190	..	3.3	1.8	..
190	130	Select App	165	175	..	3.4	2.0	23.9
195	149	Sharp & Law	190	200	+3	4.1	2.1	19.7
87	78	Sheldon Jones	75	85	..	6.4	8.0	13.7
62	50	Shelton (Martin)	50	53	..	2.4	4.6	..
283	190	Sherwood Comp	260	280	●+15	6.2	2.3	11.2
400	328	Sherwood Group	375	385	● ..	6.2	1.6	14.3
145	74	Shield	88	93	+1	4.1	4.5	11.0
108	75	Shiralplan	103	111	●+2	1.4	1.3	12.2
162	106	Shorco	132	136	● ..	5.1	3.8	12.5
70	45	Sigmex	43	48	-2	1.5	3.3	4.3
453	393	Sims Catering	400	415	+5	7.0	1.7	41.3
365	318	Sinclair (William)	355	375	+5	8.5	2.3	21.4
281	240	Smallbone	272	282	t +2	7.1	2.6	21.1
67	50	Soundtracks	47	52	..	2.6	5.2	11.2
318	242	Sthn Bus	302	308	+1	6.3	2.1	14.3
25	18½	SW Resources	19	20½	..	..	..	39.2
93	88	Space Planning	90	95	+2	2.7	2.9	25.8
380	285	Spandex	335	355	-5	2.7	0.8	18.3
60	42	Spectrum	52	55	..	..	..	6.0
180	123	Spice	120	125	-3	4.9	4.0	9.5
94	59	Splash	65	70	..	3.0	4.4	21.4
128	73	Stainless Metal	72	77	●+2	6.2	8.3	..
93	86	Sterling Pub	88	93	+3	4.0	3.3	17.2
38	23	Sunleigh Elect	25	28	●+1	0.8	3.0	9.4
56	38	Sutherland	42	45	● ..	1.5	3.4	17.5
323	293	Synapse Comp	300	310	..	4.4	1.4	16.0
89	55	TDS Circuits	65	73	..	..b	..	2.9
173	153	TMD Advert	152	155	..	3.3	2.1	15.1
148	139	TSB Chan Islands	137	140	-1	5.7	4.1	8.5
173	129	TV-AM	135	139	-1	7.5	5.5	9.1
210	170	Task Force	173	183	●-2	4.0	2.2	17.3
384	264	Tay Homes	375	383	●-2	8.9	2.3	10.8
178	138	Telecomputing	135	145	..	2.1	1.5	11.4
142	125	Thornton GW	130	140	..	5.1	3.8	10.8
46	31	Thorpac	34	39	+4	1.6	4.3	14.9
110	80	Tinsley (Eliza)	75	85	-2	4.6	5.9	12.4
86	79	Tipon	84	88	..	..	..	..
87	83	Total Systems	82	87	..	3.4	4.0	15.9
50	50	Towngrade Sec	45	55	..	..	..	80.6
61	60	Transrap Hldgs	58	63	..	..	..	..
18½	240	Trencherwood	340	370	..	5.2	1.5	15.0
78	54	Trevian Hldgs	73	77	+1	1.4n	1.9	8.1
88	64	Trilion	62	66	..	1.6	2.5	14.3
24	18	Tobsiar Exhib	21	23	-½	..	..	..
130	105	Tudor	110	130	..	6.9	6.0	9.1
163	120	UCL Group	145	155	-8	5.5	3.7	12.7
72	41	URS Intl	48	53	-2	..	..	..
209	165	UTC Group	177	185	+2	11.0	6.1	29.7
565	495	Ulst Friendly	530	560	..	31.4	5.8	..
180	140	Usher (Frank)	137	142	● ..	8.8	6.3	9.9
70	58	WSP Hldgs	60	65	● ..	2.2	3.5	14.0
75	43	Wayne Kerr	66	70	●-1	2.5	3.7	12.4
33	22	Walpac	21	26	..	0.5	2.1	16.3
56	36	Wentworth	37	42	..	2.4	6.0	12.9
165	118	West Yorkshire	160	165	● ..	6.2	3.8	15.4
253	90	Whinney Mackay	80	105	..	3.3	3.9	12.6
26½	17	Widare Syst	21½	23	..	0.3	1.3	20.5
65	41	William (Rex) Hldgs	43	45	+½	1.0	2.3	37.9
157	123	Wood John D & Co	140	150	..	3.4	2.3	14.7
178	98	Woollons Better	125	145	..	5.3	3.9	18.8
110	76	Wld of Leather	98	108	●+1	4.4	4.3	14.3
215	145	Wyevale	140	150	..	4.0	2.8	15.3
73	60	Wyko	71	75	..	3.6	4.9	19.1
34	23	Yelverton	30	33	-1	..	..	28.6
79	51	Yorks Tst Gp	57	62	-1	2.0	3.3	13.9
107	68	Zygal Dynamics	75	85	-2	1.4	1.8	11.5

THIRD MARKET

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
200	155	Abelscot	170	185	● ..	6.3	3.5	11.1
37	23	Aber Am Pet	29	32	..	..	..	..
44	18	Amercoeur	27	32	..	..	..	..
85	63	Andaman Res	73	78	t +1	..	..	..
86	58	Beckenham	67	72	+1	..	..	..
185	68	Broadcast	150	158	..	..	..	..
112	85	Camotech	88	96	+1	2.8	3.0	25.4
145	110	Chelsea Art	135	145	-2	..	..	..
49	30	Cheriex Intl	27	32	..	..	..	..
105	65	Comac	95	105	..	3.4	3.4	11.0
67	53	Corton Bch	54	57	-1	0.6	1.1	15.1
155	123	Crown Eyes	120	130	..	..	..	37.9
16	10½	Eganson	10½	12	+½	..	..	..
143	93	Fin & Res	104	114	..	..	..	..
39	22	Honorbuilt	33	35	-7	..	..	..
56	41	Ivemo (PE)	42	47	..	..	..	8.4
101	66	Leading Lsr	87	90	..	1.6	1.8	18.2
65	45	Lynx Teck	40	50	..	..	..	5.2
140	89	Medirace	122	127	-1	..	..	..
41	18	Morton Co	20	23	..	..	..	..
50	49	Pennine Ophthal	47	50	..	..	..	13.2
33	13	Pub Hldgs	13	16	..	..	..	8.7
80	70	Seacon	67	72	..	..	..	..
230	200	Takare	225	235	+3	1.5	3.3	11.0
58	41	Theme Hldgs	43	48	..	..	..	..
135	120	UPL	115	125	..	..	..	..
142	120	Unit Group	137	147	● ..	6.9	4.9	8.0

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

High	Low	Company	Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
820	710	Alliance	775	783	●-4	37.7	4.8	28.0
122	103	Amer Trust	114	116	●-1	4.7	4.1	24.9
212	172	Ang & O'seas	198	201	●-1	5.1	2.6	45.2
50	37½	Atlantic Assets	43	44	-½	1.4b	3.2	69.0
72	60	Bankers	65	67	-1	2.3	3.5	43.4
69	60½	Br Assets	63	65	●-1½	3.3	5.2	25.9
40	34	Br Empire Sec	38½	40	+½	0.8	2.0	33.8
492	440	Br Inv	477	487	+2	24.1	5.0	23.8
109	95	Brunner	104	107	..	3.8	3.6	37.3
65	58	CDFC Tst	56	59	..	..	..	..
93	86½	Do BH'S Ln	85	88	● ..	650	7.5	..
860	815	Contl & Ind	835	855	●+5	68.5	8.1	16.2
152	121	Crescent Japan	149	151	..	0.6	0.4	..
158	147	Derby Inc	156	160	..	14.9	9.4	14.6
200	140	Do Cap	140	160	..	..	..	..
440	403	Drayton Cons	425	428	-3	16.4	3.8	35.1
268	190	Drayton Far East	256	263	● ..	2.1	0.8	..
980	708	Drayton Japan	950	970	..	5.8	0.6	..
271	238	Dundee Lon	265	270	..	9.3	3.5	38.3
155	137	Edinburgh	147	149	-1½	5.7	3.9	35.8
79	70	Electric Gen	73	76	..	1.6	2.1	..
215	193	English Intl	207	212	..	6.2	3.0	48.3
106	93	English Scot	94	97	-1	2.3	2.4	47.3
73	66	Ensign	71	73	● ..	1.4	1.9	66.7
190	147	F & C Eurotrust	183	188	..	2.6	1.4	89.4
130	90	F & C Pacific	125	130	..	1.5	1.2	..
70	50	F & C Smaller	62	65	..	..	..	..
15	10½	First Charlotte	10½	12	-1	0.1	0.9	..
399	358	First Scot Amer	375	382	●-1	19.2	5.1	28.5
118	93	Fleming American	108	110	-2	2.1	1.9	76.2
241	203	Fleming Claver	238	242	..	8.6	3.6	37.5
118	93	Fleming Enterprise	115	118	..	3.2	2.7	55.7
188	133	Fleming Far East	175	180	+1	1.1	0.6	..
195	151	Fleming Fledgling	192	197	● ..	3.6	1.8	74.4
218	156	Fleming Japan	212	217	+3	0.3e	0.1	..
173	156	Fleming Mercantile	171	173	●-1	5.6	3.3	46.1
160	129	Fleming Overseas	146	148	-1	3.1	2.1	70.0
161	136	Fleming Tech	156	158	..	1.1	0.7	..
143	120	Fleming Universal	137	139	..	2.1	1.5	..
107½	90	For Col	102	104	●-1	2.7	2.6	50.7
106	80	GBC Capital	102	107	-1	..	..	..
315	219	GT Japan	305	310	+2	1.9	0.6	..
88	65	General Cons Cap	63	68	..	..	..	..
105	95	Do Inc	103	106	..	..	..	..
144	125	Globe (AA)	135	137	-1	5.8	4.3	30.6
126	105½	Govett Atlantic	115	117	-2	4.1b	3.5	42.2
276	197	Govett Oriental	267	273	+2	1.6b	0.6	..
229	206	Govett Strategy	223	226	-1	5.5	2.4	42.2
335	282	Greenfriar	280	287	+2	3.4	1.2	72.1
475	400	Gresham House	400	450	..	7.5	1.8	34.4
207	184½	Hambros	199	201	-1½	8.0	4.0	41.7
148	126	Invest in Success	118	133	-2	4.1	3.3	38.3
331	308	Inv Cap	322	326	-1	18.0	5.6	23.6
130	89	Ivory & Sime	118	123	..	7.9	6.5	13.7
78	64	Japan Assets	73	75	..	0.1	0.1	..
117	106	Kleinwort Charter	112	115	-2	4.0	3.5	36.0
126	102	Kleinwort O'seas	121	123	●-2	3.6	3.0	45.0
460	415	Kleinwort Smaller	417	427	●+2	13.3	3.2	46.9
276	242	Law Debenture	273	278	● ..	11.6	4.2	25.5
50	44	Lon Amer Venture	48	50	..	1.0e	2.0	..
106	95	Lon Merchant Sec	104	108	..	3.8	3.6	21.5
146	133	Merchants	138	140	● ..	7.4	5.3	25.7
14⅝	12	Merrill Lynch	101¼		..	..	..	..
211	184	Monks	200	203	-2	4.0	2.0	65.8
178	162	Murray Income	175	177	-½	9.3b	5.3	28.6
169	149½	Murray Ind	163	165	●-1	7.5	4.6	31.9
144	128	Murray Small	140	144	..	2.5b	1.8	75.9
258	228	Murray Venture	240	245	● ..	7.7	3.2	50.7
68	53	New Darien Oil	52	55	● ..	1.0	1.9	..
99	89½	Northrog Inc 83	97	99	..	6.6	6.7	19.7
145	121	New Tokyo	138	140	..	..	..	..
23	18	Nth Sea Assets	19	22	..	..	..	6.2
362	307	Nthn Amer	345	350	-1	7.4	2.1	68.9
172	83	O'seas Inv Tst	168	172	..	2.4	1.4	..
130	97	Pacific Assets	112	117	●-2	1.2	1.0	..
46	41	Personal Assets	43	46	..	0.7	1.6	77.6
447	415	Raeburn	425	435	..	22.6	5.3	24.4
61	45	River & Merc	47	52	-1	..	..	..
270	237	Robeco	250		-8	..	..	..
249	215	Rolinco	236		-4	..	..	..
321	285	Romney	310	313	-2	5.5	1.8	79.2
16⅝	15⅛	Rorento	16⅛		..	..	..	..
168	155	St Andrew Inv Tst	166	168	● ..	5.8	3.5	37.1
206	171	Schroder Global	203	208	+1	8.0	2.9	47.4
359	114½	Scottish	171	123	-1	3.4	2.8	53.5
90	80	Scot American	83	85	-1	2.9	3.5	40.2
125	114½	Scot Eastern	118	120	●-1	3.2	2.7	48.2
118	93	Scot Merc 'A'	105	110	+1	6.9	6.4	21.7
105	90	Scot Mtge	99	101	..	..	..	..
718	658	Second Alliance	698	705	-2	28.8	4.1	31.5
105	94	Secs Tst of Scotlnd	98	100	-2	4.9b	4.9	32.1
104	91	Smaller Cos	102	106	..	1.4	1.3	89.8
186	150	Steel Burrill	178	188	●-3	13.7	7.5	11.3
101	81	TR Australia	94	99	..	3.3	3.4	39.3
73	65	TR City Of Lon Dfd	68	70	●-½	3.5b	5.1	28.6
117	103	TR Ind & Gen	112	114	-1	3.1	2.7	45.2
60	51	TR Natural Res	53	58	+1	2.8	5.0	24.9
92	79	TR North America	86	89	..	2.7b	3.1	39.3
47	32	TR Pacific	46	47	+½	..	..	..
97	81	TR Property	95	97	-½	2.0	2.1	59.2
119	106	TR Trustees	115	118	..	3.1	2.6	47.2
220	194	Temple Bar	207	210	● ..	9.5	4.5	29.0
435	388	Throgmorton	405	410	●	14.5	3.6	33.6
335	275	Throg Dual	270	300	..	..	..	..
170	151	Tribune	158	163	-2	4.9	3.0	43.3
93	81	Triplevest Inc	80	82	● ..	19.9	24.6	5.6
120	103	USDC Investment	108	113	● ..	3.6	3.2	65.3
56	48	Value Inc Tst	53	55	..	1.7	3.1	78.1
56	48	Viking Resources	52	53	+½	2.7	5.1	32.6
107	83	Westpool	103	108	-1	2.3	2.2	50.2
114	101	Witan	105	107	-1	3.0	2.8	51.0

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was same at 78.6 (day's range 78.6-78.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for April 20

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.8925-1.8960	1.8940-1.8950	0.13-0.10pr	0.30-0.25pr
Montrl	2.3262-2.3326	2.3262-2.3293	0.06-0.07ds	0.47-0.69ds
Amstrdm	3.5294-3.5370	3.5333-3.5370	1⅛-⅞pr	3⅜-3pr
Brussels	65.78-65.98	65.78-65.95	20-2pr	41-20pr
Copnhgn	12.0958-12.1280	12.1121-12.1280	1⅝-2⅞ds	4⅛-6ds
Dublin	1.1772-1.1820	1.1792-1.1802	26-17pr	62-42pr
Frankft	3.1468-3.1523	3.1488-3.1523	1⅛-⅞pr	3⅝-3⅛pr
Lisbon	257.02-258.10	257.02-258.10	74-123ds	244-352ds
Madrid	207.87-208.80	208.15-208.64	26-46ds	99-121ds
Milan	2339.38-2343.64	2340.51-2343.64	1-6ds	12-19ds
Oslo	11.6389-11.6756	11.6481-11.6637	5½-6⅛ds	16⅝-18⅛ds
Paris	10.6906-10.7068	10.6954-10.7068	⅞pr-⅛ds	⅞-1⅝ds
Stckhlm	11.0742-11.0876	11.0761-11.0876	1⅝-2⅛ds	4⅜-6⅜ds
Tokyo	234.67-235.17	234.67-234.98	1⅝-½pr	2⅝-1⅞pr
Vienna	22.09-22.15	22.10-22.13	8⅛-7pr	21⅞-18⅝pr
Zurich	2.6018-2.6056	2.6024-2.6056	1⅛-1pr	4-3⅝pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	13.3218-13.4202
Australia dollar	2.5253-2.5284
Bahrain dinar	0.7125-0.7155
Brazil cruzado*	238.33-239.50
Cyprus pound	0.8325-0.8425
Finland marka	7.5150-7.5550
Greece drachma	251.50-253.50
Hong Kong dollar	14.8018-14.8116
India rupee	24.83-25.03
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5155-0.5195
Malaysia dollar	4.8654-4.8699
Mexico peso	4250-4350
New Zealand dollar	2.8517-2.8576
Saudi Arabia riyal	7.09-7.13
Singapore dollar	3.7918-3.7958
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4434-5.5513
S Africa rand (com)	4.0467-4.0569
U A E dirham	6.94-6.98

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank HOFEX.

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.6050-1.6065	Denmark	6.3850-6.3900	Italy	1234.5-1235.5
Singapore	2.0010-2.0020	W Germany	1.6613-1.6618	Belgium (Com)	34.74-34.79
Malaysia	2.5675-2.5685	Switzerland	1.3730-1.3740	Hong Kong	7.8110-7.8120
Australia	1.3326-1.3335	Netherlands	1.8630-1.8640	Portugal	135.70-136.10
Canada	1.2280-1.2290	France	5.6410-5.6440	Spain	109.90-110.00
Sweden	5.8420-5.8470	Japan	123.85-123.95	Austria	11.67-11.68
Norway	6.1450-6.1500				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 8 Finance Hse 9½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8¾ Low 7¾ Week fixed: 8¼

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 7 25/32 3 mth – 7 25/32
Selling: 2 mth – 7 21/32 3 mth – 7 21/32

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 7 29/32-7 27/32 2 mth: 7 13/16-7 11/16 3 mth: 7 25/32-7 23/32
6 mth 7 25/32-7 25/32

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mth: 8 11/32 2 mth: 8 7/16 3 mth: 8 13/32
6 mth 8 11/32

Interbank (%). Overnight: open 8⅛ close 8¾
1 week: 8½-8⅜ 1 mth: 8⅝-8 1/16 3 mth: 8⅝-8
6 mth: 8 5/16-8 3/16 9 mth: 8 9/16-8 7/16 12 mth: 8¾-8 11/16

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 8¼ 7 day: 8¼ 1 mth: 8⅛
3 mth: 8¼ 6 mth: 8¼ 12 mth: 8⅝

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mth: 8¼-8 2 mth: 8 3/16-7 15/16 3 mth: 8⅛-7⅞
6 mth: 8 3/16-7 15/16 9 mth: 8½-8¼ 12 mth: 8 15/16-12 1/16

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mth: 8⅛-8 3 mth: 8⅛-8 6 mth: 8¼-8⅛
12 mth: 8 9/16-8 7/16

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mth: 7.00-6.95 3 mth: 7.15-7.10 6 mth: 7.35-7.30
12 mth: 7.75-7.70

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	6 15/16-13/16	7⅛-7	7 5/16-7 3/16	7⅝-7⅜
Call: 6½-5½				
Deutschemark:	3 5/16-3 3/16	3⅜-3¼	3 7/16-3 5/16	3 9/16-3 7/16
Call: 3½-2½				
French Franc:	7⅝-7½	8 1/16-7 15/16	8⅝-8⅜	8⅝-8⅜
Call: 7½-6⅝				
Swiss Franc:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2 7/16-2 5/16	2⅝-2½
Call: 1½-½				
Yen:	4⅛-4	4-3⅞	4⅛-4	4 3/16-4 1/16
Call: 3⅛-2⅝				

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: March 31, 1988. Agreed rates April 26, 1988 to May 24, 1988. Scheme I: 10.38 per cent. Schemes II & III: 10.17 per cent. Reference rate March 1, 1988 to March 31, 1988. Scheme IV: 8.931 per cent.

GOLD

BULLION:
Open: $457.50-458.00 Close: $456.25-456.75
High: $459.25-459.75 Low: $456.25-456.75

COINS: Per coin (Ex VAT)
Britannia: $470.00-475.00 (£248.00-251.00)
Krugerrand: $455.00-458.00 (£240.00-242.00)
Mapleleaf (1/1oz): $470.00-475.00 (£248.00-251.00)
American Eagles: $470.00-475.00 (£248.00-251.00)
New Sovereigns: $107.50-108.50 (£56.50-57.25)
Old Sovereigns: $107.50-109.00 (£56.50-57.50)
Platinum: $530.50 (£279.85)
Palladium: $124.25 (£65.55)
Silver: $6.45-6.47 (£3.405-3.420)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 32068		
Jun 88	91.81	91.81	91.70	91.70	12014
Sep 88	91.34	91.34	91.29	91.30	1168
Dec 88	91.02	91.02	90.98	91.01	59
Mar 89	90.81	90.82	90.79	90.80	46
Jun 89	90.58	90.58	90.58	90.60	25
Sep 89	NT			90.44	0
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 29943		
Jun 88	92.44	92.45	92.40	92.41	5878
Sep 88	92.14	92.15	92.10	92.10	2188
Dec 88	91.88	91.89	91.85	91.86	645
Mar 89	91.66	91.68	91.64	91.65	154
Jun 89	91.44	91.48	91.44	91.47	50
Sep 89	91.30	91.30	91.30	91.30	50

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 8026		
Jun 88	88-01	88-09	87-26	88-04	12180
Sep 88	NT			87-04	0
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 25788		
Jun 88	122-14	122-17	122-06	122-08	16272
Sep 88	NT			97-27	0
Dec 88	NT				
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 9553		
Jun 88	179.20	179.40	177.30	177.90	886
Sep 88	NT			179.40	0
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 518		
Jun 88	108.15	108.28	108.15	108.28	446
Sep 88	NT			107.52	0

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Crude traded thinly and somewhat nervously, due to the situation in the Persian Gulf. Wednesday afternoon was screen dominated and slightly distorted by the fact that May WTI was going off the board. Gasoil led the way in a thinly traded and weaker products market.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	16.90	
15 day May	16.90	
15 day Jun	16.95	
WTI May	17.65	-35
WTI Jun	17.95	-15

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT.
Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		185-188	
Gasoil EEC	+2	158-159	+1
Non 1H Apr	-1	153-154	-3
Non 1H May	-2	148-149	-3
3.5 Fuel Oil	-2	83-84	-3
Naphtha	-3	155-156	-3

GAS OIL G W Joynson

May	147.75-47.50
Jun	145.00-44.75
Jul	143.50-43.25
Aug	144.75-44.50
Sep	145.75-45.25
Oct	147.00-46.00
Nov	147.50-46.00
Dec	148.00-46.00
Jan	149.00-46.00
Vol	4072

HVY FUEL OIL Rester

May	unq.
Jun	
Vol	0

BIFFEX
GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

Apr 88	Hi 1439-1420 Low	Close 1416.5
Jul 88	Hi 1311-1284 Low	Close 1292.0
Oct 88	Hi 1376-1355 Low	Close 1365.0
Jan 89	Hi 1375-1355 Low	Close 1375.0
Vol 915 lots		Open interest 2267

Dry cargo index 1475.0 –18.0 on 19/4/88

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
May	81.00	80.90
Nov	85.50	85.20
Feb	95.00	94.00
Apr	125.00	124.70
		Vol 261

LONDON FOX

COCOA	G W Joynson
May 895-893	Mar 975-973
Jul 915-913	May 993-991
Sep 932-931	Jul 1011-008
Dec 953-952	Vol 5265
COFFEE	**G W Joynson**
May 1086-087	Jan 1166-164
Jul 1107-106	Mar 1185-182
Sep 1125-124	May 1205-200
Nov 1146-145	Vol 1950
SUGAR	**C Czarnikow**
FOB	Vol: 2992
May 196.0-95.8	Dec 195.0-93.0
Aug 196.2-95.8	Mar 198.4-96.0
Oct 196.0-95.8	May 197.8-96.8

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 322
My 102.10 Jl 104.60 Sp 101.55
Nv 103.45 Ja 106.00 Mr 108.00

BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 28
My 102.40 Sp 96.10 Nv 100.75
Ja 102.80 Mr 104.45 My 106.65

SOYABEAN

Apr 132.5-20.0	Dec 132.0-31.0
Jun 127.0-26.5	Feb 138.0-34.0
Aug 126.0-25.5	Apr 137.0-35.5
Oct 128.0-27.0	Vol 151

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE
Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolf

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1166.0-1169.0	1107.0-1109.0	249600	Easier
Copper Stand	1115.0-1125.0	1065.0-1075.0	Nil	Quiet
Lead	332.50-333.00	324.00-324.50	35200	Easier
Zinc Hi Gde	569.50-570.00	562.00-563.00	62425	Steadier
Silver Large†	647.00-648.00	659.00-661.00	3	Quiet
Silver Small†	647.00-648.00	659.00-661.00	4	Quiet
Aluminium	1225.0-1228.0	1193.0-1134.0	284750	Easier
Aluminium Hi*	2320.0-2325.0	2200.0-2210.0	29250	Quiet
Nickel*	18600-18700	15500-15700	7080	Firmer

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne).

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (£/kg)
Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Apr	88.00	88.00
Jun	88.00	88.00
Aug	87.80	87.80
Oct	91.00	91.00

Live Cattle Contract

Apr	116.00	116.00
Jun	unq.	unq.
Aug	unq.	unq.

Vol Pig-0 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on April 20

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	67.31	197.01	108.39
GB (+/–)	-1.56	-8.22	-0.64
Eng/Wal (%)	+5.6	-2.1	-7.6
Eng/Wal (p)	67.91	199.02	108.72
Eng/Wal (+/–)	-1.56	-6.53	+0.03
Scotland (%)	n/a	-20.5	+22.9
Scotland (p)	n/a	180.13	107.01
Scotland (+/–)	n/a	-22.69	-3.86

* Estimated dead carcase weight

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Equities drift lower

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began April 11. Dealings end April 22. §Contango day April 25. Settlement day May 3.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks. (VOLUMES PAGE 26.)

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Sears (aa)	Drapery.Stores	
2	Jessops	Motors.Aircraft	
3	Kwik-Fit	Motors.Aircraft	
4	Amber Day	Drapery.Stores	
5	Rosehaugh	Property	
6	Stand Chart (aa)	Banks.Discount	
7	Foster (John)	Textiles	
8	Sock Shop	Drapery.Stores	
9	Wickes	Drapery.Stores	
10	Lamont	Textiles	
11	Corah	Textiles	
12	Appleyard	Motors.Aircraft	
13	Close Bros	Banks.Discount	
14	Perry Gp	Motors.Aircraft	
15	Macklow (A&J)	Property	
16	Bank Of Scotland	Banks.Discount	
17	Capital Radio	Leisure	
18	Mersey Docks	Shipping	
19	Smallshaw (R)	Textiles	
20	Fragmont	Property	
21	MEPC (aa)	Property	
22	Forminster	Drapery.Stores	
23	Bilton (P)	Property	
24	Priest Marians	Property	
25	Scot. Heritable	Industrials S-Z	
26	Home Counties	Newspapers.Pub	
27	Davies & Newman	Industrials A-D	
28	Ellis & Everard	Chemicals.Plas	
29	Barclays (aa)	Banks.Discount	
30	Allied-Lyons (aa)	Breweries	
31	Leeds	Textiles	
32	Cap & Counties	Property	
33	Br Land	Property	
34	Trafford Park	Property	
35	Halstead (James)	Chemicals.Plas	
36	Boosey & Hawkes	Leisure	
37	Crowther (J)	Textiles	
38	Ketson	Paper.Print.Adv	
39	VPI Gp	Paper.Print.Adv	
40	Utd Newspapers (aa)	Newspapers.Pub	
41	Waterglade	Property	
42	Clarkson (H)	Shipping	
43	Baker Harris	Property	
44	Beale (John)	Textiles	
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Please take into account any minus signs

Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

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DAILY DIVIDEND £4,000
Claims required for 40 points

ACCUMULATOR £42,000
Claims better than 40 points

Claimants should ring 0254-53272

BREWERIES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
414	322	Allied-Lyons (aa)	407	410	+4	16.2	4.0	12.1
667	746½	Bass (aa)	835	845	-4	28.8	3.2	12.9
50	42	Bateman	45	47	..	1.4	3.0	13.5
154	117	Buckingham	127	130	● ..	5.4	4.2	14.1
307	173	Bushfield	170	170	-1	4.4	2.6	53.7
182	147	Bulmer (H P)	173	180	..	8.2	4.6	12.6
151	120	Burtonwood Brew	140	150	..	4.0	2.8	23.4
395	332	Clark (Matthew)	370	380	..	13.7	3.6	12.6
332	292	Devenish (JA)	320	327	-1	41	1.3	28.5
221	175	Greenall Whitley	210	214	..	8.2	3.9	12.1
444	438	Greene King	452	460	..	9.3	2.1	23.4
323	271	Guinness (ak)	297	300	● -1	12.6	4.2	8.7
697	555	Hardy & Hansons	697	707	..	29.5	4.2	13.0
105	76	Highland Dist	98	108	..	3.5	3.5	15.6
215	187	Inverhouse Dist	205	215	● ..	7.9	3.8	12.8
225	155	Irish Dist	217	..	..	..	..	..
121	110	Marston Thompson	115	118	..	3.6	3.1	14.8
503	453	Morland	490	505	..	10.6	2.2	19.7
258	225	SA Breweries	255	258	..	..	..	..
294	206	Scot & New (aa)	273	277	..	11.3	4.1	15.3
557	480	Vaux Grp	552	558	-1	18.5	3.5	17.0
318	271	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	305	308	-1	12.6	4.1	12.9
328	295	Do 'B'	320	325	..	12.6	3.9	13.8
320	274	Whitbread Inv	316	315	+9	11.6	3.7	36.4
396	350	Wolverhampton & D	363	362	+1	8.0	2.1	16.5
409	345	Young 'A'	390	410	..	12.3	3.1	23.3

BUILDING, ROADS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
340	143	Abbey	220	230	-5	..	..	..
397	314	Amec	386	388	+1	17.8	4.5	11.5
453	346	Anglia Sec	415	440	-3	2.7	0.6	25.2
55	41	Anglo Utd	41	44	..	1.4	3.3	79.8
135	90	Appleyard	110	125	-2	4.3	3.6	7.4
325	247	Attwoods	280	285	+1	8.9	3.1	16.1
369	246	BPB Ind (aa)	277	280	-4	9.6	3.4	12.1
229	158	Bangendale Brick	213	220	-3	4.3	1.9	22.5
85	53	Bally (Ben) Constr	66	69	● -1	1.9	2.8	14.1
216	170	Barratt Dev	187	192	● +1	12.6	6.5	12.5
254	181	Bellway	240	243	..	11.0	4.5	11.7
113	85	Bellwinch	106	111	..	2.9	2.7	8.4
384	258	Berkeley Gp	362	370	-2	8.0	1.0	21.2
120	83	Birn Bros	95	105	..	4.8	4.6	28.0
400	320	Blackleys	355	405	..	8.9	2.2	20.7
465	403	Blue Circle (aa)	435	440	-3	20.6	4.7	5.2
255	157	Bovis PLC	270	250	r -1	8.7	3.7	24.9
149	109	Br Dredging	116	125	..	6.9	5.7	16.7
53½	35½	Brown & Jackson	38	39½	-2	..	..	..
148	129	Bryant	140	142	..	4.4	3.1	16.7
16	7½	Burnett & Hallam	9¼	10	½	..	..	1.1
123	105	CRH	108	112	● -3	..	..	..
115	105	Calenwood Robey	105	115	..	5.2	4.7	13.8
328	258	Carados	307	317	+2	10.3b	3.3	18.1
122	102	Chuck Clarke	121	121	+3	1.4	1.1	23.8
363	195	Conder Gp	285	300	-10	6.2	2.1	32.1
150	112	Cousins PLC	125	135	-3	2.4	1.8	71.9
306	258	Costain	320	323	+6	12.2	3.8	11.7
318	233	Countryside	295	300	+4	7.6	0.9	14.8
115	105	Crest Nicholson	225	230	..	7.8	3.4	11.5
95	72	Crosby James	92	97	● ..	2.4	2.5	..
91	29	Douglas (WM)	278	282	..	4.3b	1.5	21.9
48	26	Dwyer	32	37	● ..	1.7	5.3	12.8
302	175	Fadenwood Hdg	283	298	● +3	6.9	2.3	10.6
180	75	Fairclough	73	77	..	6.2b	8.3	11.3
89	59	Galliford	61	62	-½	3.8	6.2	13.6
236	210	Geldis & Dandy Ord	225	235	● ..	3.8	1.6	12.8
500	385	Gleeson (MJ)	480	500	..	9.1	1.9	11.7
250	220	Hanson Ind	215	225	..	6.2	3.7	13.5
376	328	Henderson	367	375	..	10.3	2.8	34.2
140	100	Hewden-Stuart	135	138	..	4.4	2.5	13.7
321	258	Heywood Williams	305	310	● ..	13.0	4.2	11.2
352	291	Hodgs & Hill	335	345	-1	12.3	3.6	10.6
70	52	Howard Hdgs	53	58	..	1.9	3.5	10.0
194	141	Ireland Jackson	186	190	● -1	6.5	2.9	18.4
50	35	James (J) & Sons	130	137	r -3	2.4	1.8	17.6
321	270	Laing (J)	318	322	● ..	9.6	3.0	10.8
321	270	Do 'A'	318	322	● ..	9.6	3.0	9.3
159	111	Lawrence (Walter)	130	153	..	6.5	4.3	8.9
44	38	Lilley (F.C.)	39	40	..	..	..	7.1
260	216	Lovell (Y.J)	250	253	-1	8.9	3.7	12.5
253	196	Magnet (aa)	228	233	-4	8.8	3.7	14.7
385	295	Manders	375	383	● -1	15.1	4.0	21.2
162	128	Marley	150	153	● +1	6.9	4.6	10.7
263	236	Marshalls (Halifax)	258	262	● ..	8.9	3.4	17.7
101	78	Maunders (J)	95	100	● ..	2.9	3.0	15.9
509	423	McAlpine (Alfred)	427	433	..	21.9	5.1	8.7
498	341	McCorquodale	481	485	..	5.6	1.1	14.8
398	341	Meyer Int	377	380	-1	19.7	5.2	12.4
86	56	Miller (Stanley)	77	82	-1	1.7	2.1	55.9
436	347	Minoprio (John)	407	412	-3	20.6	5.8	10.7
13½	10½	Newarthill	13	14	..	19.2	1.4	28.8
187	172	Newman Tonks	172	175	● ..	10.8	6.2	12.7
81	110	Pentamaque	177	180	r -1	4.1b	2.3	14.4
105	86	Phoenix Timber	93	97	..	3.4	3.6	11.3
745	725	Pochin	710	740	● ..	10.8	1.4	21.1
497	427	RMC Gp (aa)	480	490	-6	15.1	3.1	11.6
99	82	Ransome Hoffm	97	99	●+½	6.5	6.5	20.6
447	365	Redland (aa)	423	427	-1	18.7	4.4	12.0
170	125	Rugby	143	147	r ..	5.8	4.0	11.1
271	224	Rugby Group	262	265	● -1	11.6	4.7	11.6
257	233	Scottish Forbes	228	238	..	8.3	3.7	11.5
225	173	Sharpe & Fisher	210	220	●+5	5.5	2.6	14.0
265	202	Smart (J)	115	125	..	7.2	6.0	17.9
352	283	Staveley	347	352	● -1	12.7	3.6	12.7
265	212	Tarmac (aa)	247	250	-1	8.7	3.5	15.7
445	350	Taylor Woodrow	433	435	-11	14.4	3.3	14.2
350	230	Tilbury Group	345	355	+2	12.6	3.6	11.4
352	308	Travis & Arnold	347	355	..	8.9	2.5	10.7
151	93	Trent	130	135	..	6.6	1.2	19.5
318	227	Tunnel	313	322	● ..	13.7	4.3	10.3
700	545	Vinccotte	673	683	..	11.7	1.5	22.8
165	135	West Group	160	170	..	3.4	2.1	15.6
183	159	Ward Hdgs	165	173	..	3.3	2.0	10.8
118	88	Warrington	97	102	+2	..	..	..
287	205	Wates Gp (aa)	265	275	● ..	8.4	3.1	13.1
157	108	Westbury	250	253	..	6.8	2.7	13.5
210	150	Wiggins	192	199	..	7.1	3.6	15.5
213	143	Wilson Bowden	203	205	● -1	5.8	2.8	11.1
321	311	Wilson (Connolly)	388	393	+1	5.4	1.4	14.5
268	221	Wimpey S (aa)	245	250	●+5	9.3	3.8	9.5
127	111	YRM	113	121	..	3.3	2.8	12.5

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
144	106	Allied Colloids	122	125	..	2.8	2.3	17.1
505½	441	Amersham	444	448	-3	11.6	2.6	18.2
154	130	BTP	140	147	..	7.9	5.5	15.5
98	79½	Borax DM50	95½	..	½	..	..	..
183	143	Biggins	158	163	● ..	10.6	8.6	11.6
147	118	Brent Chems	142	145	●-3	7.1b	4.9	12.5
208	169	Canning (W)	175	179	● ..	7.3	4.1	9.3
347	260	Cookson	310	315	..	12.3	3.9	10.1
355	255	Coates Bros	317	320	s ..	10.8	3.3	10.0
26	21	Cory (Horace)	23	25	..	1.0	4.2	25.8
212	182	Croda	185	187	-1	12.3	6.6	9.9
207	177	De Dietr	177	179	● ..	..	..	14.8
185	149	Ellis & Everard	177	181	+1	6.7	3.7	13.3
172	149	Evode	154	157	● ..	6.1	3.9	13.0
251	205	Fosseco-Minerap	249	252	..	13.4	5.3	16.2
255	237	Halstead (James)	237	242	●+2	9.9	4.1	10.7
183	130	Hickson	172	175	● ..	7.0	4.0	11.3
86½	79½	Hickson DM50	81½	..	-½	..	..	..
11½	9½	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	975	980	-5	56.2	5.7	8.3
424	350	Laporte (aa)	381	385	-9	14.9	3.9	12.7
221	192	Lilly (ICI)	218	222	r ..	6.3	2.9	31.9
17½	12	NORSK Hydro	16½	..	-½	..	..	..
163	130	Plysu	135	140	..	2.7	2.0	17.0
295	265	Rotheroe Hdgs	270	320	..	5.6	2.0	25.3
207	172	Rewalt	181	186	●+1	6.8	3.7	24.1
400	270	Sipsu	370	385	..	4.1	..	13.5
174	121	Sutcliffe Speakman	146	153	..	..	..	25.7
315	270	Wolstenholme Rink	305	325	..	14.0	4.4	9.3
267	214	Yorkshire Chem	215	219	●-1	9.6	4.4	9.5
125	105	York Cable	110	115	-3	4.1	3.6	11.1

CINEMAS, TV

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
403	164	Anglia TV 'A'	395	403	● ..	19.9	5.0	22.2
568	447	Central TV	500	510	● ..	30.1	6.0	9.2
50	42	Grampian	43	45	..	3.2	7.3	5.7
263	213	HTV Group	215	225	●+1	14.1	6.4	6.5
180	122	LWT Hldgs	140	142	●+4	8.1	5.8	9.2
410	355	Scot TV	375	380	..	23.3	6.2	7.2
363	281	TVS	288	310	+1	17.1	5.6	8.1
74	61	TSW	64	67	● ..	3.8	5.8	10.2
355	302	Thames TV	310	318	+3	17.5	5.5	8.1
173	120	Tyne Tees	135	138	● ..	7.9	5.5	8.1
570	508	Tyne Tees TV	555	565	●+5	37.7	6.7	7.2
93	62	Ulster TV	70	77	+1	5.1	6.9	6.0
246	166	Yorkshire TV	195	202	●+1	11.0	5.5	7.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
372	337	Alexon	360	370	..	8.9	2.4	18.1
54	31	Anson Day	44	47	+4	..	..	..
93	67	Aquascutum 'A'	87	91	+1	4.1	4.6	16.3
136	110	Ashley (Laura)	111	114	-4	3.2	2.8	15.5
360	340	Asdal Reed	355	360	+4	..	..	..
260	185	Do 'A'	235	242	+4	..	..	..
427	327	Belford (aa)	423	427	-1	18.7	4.4	12.0
170	125	Bulmer	143	147	r ..	5.8	4.0	11.1
271	224	Bugby Group	262	265	● -1	11.6	4.7	11.6
257	233	Scottish Forbes	228	238	..	8.3	3.7	11.5
225	173	Sharpe & Fisher	210	220	●+5	5.5	2.6	14.0
265	202	Smart (J)	115	125	..	7.2	6.0	17.9
352	283	Staveley	347	352	● -1	12.7	3.6	12.7
265	212	Tarmac (aa)	247	250	-1	8.7	3.5	15.7
445	350	Taylor Woodrow	433	435	-11	14.4	3.3	14.2
350	230	Tilbury Group	345	355	+2	12.6	3.6	11.4
352	308	Travis & Arnold	347	355	..	8.9	2.5	10.7
151	93	Trent	130	135	..	6.6	1.2	19.5
318	227	Tunnel	313	322	● ..	13.7	4.3	10.3
700	545	Vincccotte	673	683	..	11.7	1.5	22.8
165	135	West Group	160	170	..	3.4	2.1	15.6
183	159	Ward Hdgs	165	173	..	3.3	2.0	10.8
118	88	Warrington	97	102	+2	..	..	..
287	205	Wates Gp (aa)	265	275	● ..	8.4	3.1	13.1
157	108	Westbury	250	253	..	6.8	2.7	13.5
210	150	Wiggins	192	199	..	7.1	3.6	15.5
213	143	Wilson Bowden	203	205	● -1	5.8	2.8	11.1
321	311	Wilson (Connolly)	388	393	+1	5.4	1.4	14.5
268	221	Wimpey S (aa)	245	250	●+5	9.3	3.8	9.5
127	111	YRM	113	121	..	3.3	2.8	12.5

FINANCE, LAND

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
255	192	Abingworth	238	243	..	1.7	0.7	..
165	76	Action Home	77	82	-1	4.6	6.0	8.1
275	205	Aeschgate	262	267	+2	13.7	5.2	7.7
88	70	Ass Heineken	82	86	..	2.5	3.0	25.0
330	260	Authority Inv	300	325	● ..	3.4	1.1	20.2
185	163	Berkeley Govett	178	182	..	..	..	..
343	279	Br Commonwlth (aa)	278	282	-5	9.7	3.5	25.4
139	91	Burns-Anderson	125	130	+1	4.8	3.8	19.8
20	17	Camellia	19	21	● ..	23.3	1.2	42.6
360	260	Candover	310	330	● ..	12.3	3.8	29.8
148	75	Centaur	77	80	..	..	..	..
588	413	Cinshes Int	558	565	●+17	17.8	3.2	12.4
465	395	Hanrey&Thompson	425	435	..	12.3	2.9	21.5
63	62	Indl Fin Inv	70	75	..	4.8	6.8	11.8
147	72	Investor Tests	112	123	..	4.7	4.5	12.7
35	26	Jiff	29	32	..	2.1	6.8	8.4
211	180	Magdala	207	212	..	6.9	4.2	32.3
107	107	Nat Home Loans	122	132	-3	7.7	6.1	11.4
160	127½	Do Bdrs	127	131	-1	8.5	6.4	..
62	50	Newmarket	53	58	..	..	..	..
355	215	Parrish Plc	205	235	r ..	14b	0.6	25.8
152	110	Silvermines Plc	130	140	-2	..	..	..
81	66	Singer & Fried	80	82	..	1.6	2.0	..
141	105	Templeton Glmk	137	142	●+2	4.3	3.1	9.8

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1988 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'ge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
15½	11¼	American Express	12⅛	..	..	..	..	..
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117	80	Brazenose Arrow	102	105	●+1	7.5	7.3	12.7
40	29½	Daily Mail	37	30	+½	95.9	3.4	13.0
38	25	Do A	27	30	+1	95.9	3.4	13.0
20½	15½	Eagle Trust	17½	18	..	0.1	0.6	..
209	172	Electra	198	199	-1	6.1	3.1	39.8
170	151	Exploration	160	170	..	3.6	2.1	30.1
202	134	Framlington	189	195	..	3.8	2.0	14.4
223	184	First Eq	217	222	..	9.6	4.4	17.6
176	131	GT Management	157	162	-1	6.9	4.3	8.3
135	110	Goode Durant	117	127	-1	3.8	3.1	10.4
117	89	Henderson Admin	540	570	-15	25.6	5.4	8.1
202	158	ICH	157	162	r +1	12.3	7.7	6.5
111	94	MAI	92	95	●-3	5.5	5.8	..
400	300	MAM	380	390	●-5	4.1	1.2	11.7
460	264	M & G	380	385	-1	9.8	2.5	18.5
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FOODS

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315	281	AB Food (aa)	288	292	-4	10.4	3.6	9.9
183	160	ASDA Group (aa)	172	175	+2	5.1	2.9	15.3
60	33	Alpine Drinks	38	43	..	..	..	82.0
184	157	Appledore Hldgs	157	167	..	4.7	2.5	29.2
212	182	Argyll (aa)	202	205	-1	6.5	3.2	17.9
191	151	Assoc Fisheries	160	165	-2	6.9	4.2	16.3
220	185	Banks (Sidney C)	195	205	+2	9.3	4.7	5.1
145	115	Baker & Dobson	115	120	..	4.8	3.2	11.5
455	415	Barr (AG)	500	605	-1	17.8	3.0	10.5
298	164	Bassett Foods	228	233	-2	10.1	4.4	15.1
95	78	Bettevs	82	87	+2	3.2	3.8	9.8
195	163	Bejam	168	170	● ..	6.8	4.1	14.4
308	270	Berisford (S&W)	283	290	-2	19.2	6.7	11.6
413	361	Booker	397	403	●-1	23.9	5.5	12.2
59	42	Bordwick	44	46	..	0.7	1.6	..
186	163	Brake Bros	173	188	..	9.7	5.9	17.7
300	231	Cadbury Schweppes	291	292	●-9	110	3.8	15.0
245	189	Ceres Meling	232	242	..	9.9	4.2	8.4
507	473	Chiltern Dairies	468	478	● ..	12.1	2.5	24.1
206	176	Do 'A'	180	185	● ..	12.1	8.6	9.0
49	40	Cobbs	40	45	..	..	..	..
325	272	Delgany (aa)	283	287	+4	19.2	6.7	11.5
117	85	Dowiais S	85	90	..	4.5	5.1	21.5
213	159	Dee (aa)	181	184	+1	11.6b	6.3	11.1
83	62	Eastern (J)	62	67	+4	..	..	..
108	78	Ed Fyffes	82	97	●+2	..	..	..
118	92	Fisher (A)	108	111	+1	3.1	2.8	22.3
253	238	Foch Lovell	254	258	-2	15.6	6.2	15.7
112	90	Freshtake	98	102	..	3.3	3.3	15.6
256	202	Gardner	222	227	..	5.5	2.4	14.8
250	180	Glass Glover	235	243	..	6.5	2.7	17.9
320	226	Hazlewood Foods	243	245	-1	3.2	1.3	25.4
300	220	Heiggbows (aa)	285	290	+3	6.5	2.3	13.7
199	159	Hunter Saphir	180	183	..	4.9	2.7	18.1
336	285	Iceland Frozen	333	338	● ..	6.0	1.8	19.5
356	288	Irish Save	340	343	-3	9.3	2.7	17.2
61	56	Lees (John J)	60	90	..	2.2	2.6	13.4
133	100	Lovell (A)	130	131	-1	7.1	5.4	8.1
588	552	Lyons (Nthn)	560	570	+4	20.6	3.6	13.1
95	76	Matthews (Bernard)	88	92	●-2

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Above: Technophone of Camberley Surrey, which makes one of the world's smallest cellular radio telephones, won awards for both exports and technological achievement

Below: directors Dr John Webb, left, Robin Shannon and Raymond Alexander of the Cotswold Pig Development Co.

Today, the winners of the Queen's Awards for Export and Technological Achievement 1988 are announced. They are the most prestigious awards in British industry, writes David Young

The blue and silver flag that denotes a high degree of excellence in British exports or technological achievement now flies with pride from the flagpole outside one of Britain's most determined companies.

It is a measure of the importance of the Queen's Awards to winning companies, their staff and customers that the company had entered 16 times before being successful.

The name of the company will never be made public because of the policy of the Queen's Award office never to discuss who has been rejected.

This year 145 awards have been made from the 985 companies who applied – 102 for exports and 43 for technological achievement.

A record 12 companies this year won their awards for both exports and technology.

The awards have always been a major source of encouragement for smaller companies and this year is no exception. In the export section, 31 of the winning companies employ fewer than 50 people. In the technology sector, some companies employ only seven people or under.

Although the Queen's Awards have been in existence for more than 20 years, they are still highly coveted by companies as diverse as a big aircraft company making powerful, high technology aero engines and a small firm making tiny pottery cottages which sell by the million in souvenir shops.

Among the strict criteria for winning an award, are that export figures submitted have to be verified by an independent auditor, companies must show a substantial and sustained growth record over a three-year period, and that the export earnings be outstanding for the products or services concerned.

Companies are also expected to show how they improved their export performance, either by such factors as improved marketing intelligence or new sales methods.

The awards committee also takes into account the expenses involved in improving exports and income.

The high technology companies have again been major winners. The production of a woven material which can be inserted by surgeons in wounds to aid the healing process has won an export award for the Vascutek Division of Coates Viyella Medical in Scotland.

The high-tech, hand-held phone, beloved by the new breed of city workers, has won both an export and a technology award for Technophone of Surrey.

The City itself has won a batch of awards for export with Baring Securities winning one for its stockbroking exports; Donner Underwriting Agencies for their Lloyds underwriting; The Lafferty Group for information and conferences.

The awards last for a five-year period and winners can apply for a new award each year if a further separate achievement is made. The presentations are made locally by county Lord Lieutenants at the winning company's premises so that as many of the staff as possible can attend.

However, for many companies the highlight of the presentation system is when the Queen hosts a reception at Buckingham Palace. Each winning company is allowed three representatives at the reception and some ballot staff to choose who will represent the company.

One company, Fastnet Fish (Exports) of Grimsby, which sends frozen prawns and scallops all over the world, will not have to conduct such a ballot – it has only three employees, so they'll all be at the Palace.

The full list of awards starts on the opposite page

The judges

This year's judges were:

Sir Robert Butler, the head of Home Civil Service;

John Bolton, an independent member;

Sir David Nickson, president of the Confederation of British Industry;

Sir Brian Hayes, permanent secretary at the Department of Trade and Industry;

Sir James Cleminson, chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board;

Jack Jones, representing the Trades Union Congress;

The Earl of Limerick, chairman of the British Invisible Export Council;

John Raisman, an independent member; and

Sir Francis Tombs, chairman of the Engineering Council.

ROS DRINKWATER

Above: Sydney Gillibrand, managing director of the Civil Aircraft Division of British Aerospace, with a model of the export-winning BAe 146.

Left: The Royal Scotsman moving hotel, complete with restored coaches, owned by the Great Scottish and Western Railway Co.

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Exporters hit the jackpot

Seafood success: Paul Birch, left, Peter Doswell and secretary Anne Sheppard of the Fastnet Fish (Exports) of Grimsby send frozen prawns and scallops all over the world. All three will be at the Buckingham Palace presentation

The following companies have been granted the Queen's Award for Export Achievement:

ABI Caravans, Beverley, N Humberside: producer of touring and static caravans.

AFE Displays, Sutton Coldfield, W Mids: manufacturer of visual display units.

Abbeycraft Furniture, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex: producer of reproduction furniture.

BCB International, Cardiff: maker of leisure and safety *equipment.*

Edward Baker, Sudbury, Suffolk: manufacturer of pet food.

Baring Securities, London, E1: stockbrokers.

Bemac Engineering, Lisburn, Co Antrim, N Ireland: precision sheetmetal *fabrication.*

Bennett Opie, Sittingbourne, Kent: producer of cocktail and glacé cherries, onions, gherkins, *olives etc.*

Berghaus, Newcastle upon Tyne: manufactures mountaineering, skiing and backpack clothing and rucksacks.

Biwater Pipes & Castings, Clay Cross, Derbyshire: iron pipes and castings.

***Black Clawson* International,** Newport, Gwent: exporter of paper pulp, board and converting plastic machinery.

Hatfield Unit (Civil Aircraft Div) British Aerospace, Hatfield, Herts: producer of BAe 146 civil aircraft and spares.

British Gas On-line *Inspection Centre,* Cramlington, Northumberland: provider of *pipeline inspection service.*

Brush Electrical Machines, Loughborough, Leics: maker of electric generators, motors and traction equipment.

Burleigh Marine International, Brentford, Middlx: exporter of fenders *for docks and harbours.*

Sericol Group, Div of Burmah Oil Trading, Broadstairs, Kent: producer of inks and screen making chemicals for screen printing.

Cape Contracts International, Watford, Herts: *design and supply of* insulation and ancillary materials.

Casburt Pharmaceutical Equipment, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs: manufacturer of processing *equipment for the* pharmaceutical industry.

Chemical Design, Oxford: molecular modelling software with related hardware and support.

Churchill Tableware, Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs: makers of earthenware tableware and mugs.

City Technology, London, EC1: manufacturer of electrochemical gas sensors and accessories.

Cleveland Potash, Loftus, Saltburn by the Sea, Cleveland: mining, processing and selling potash and salt.

Vascutek Div of Coats Vyella Medical, Inchinnan, Renfrewshire, Scotland: maker of implantable vascular *prostheses.*

Cobden Chadwick, Oldham, Lancs: manufacturer of printing machines and paper converting machinery.

Colloids, Widnes, Cheshire: producer of master batches and chemical concentrates.

Consort Hotels, York: *promoting hotel services and* accommodation.

Cotswold Pig Development Company, Rothwell, Lincoln, Lincs: exporter of pigs for *breeding.*

Davy McKee (Stockton), Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland: process plant fabrication.

Dearden Davies Associates, Hounslow, Middx: exporter of professional audio equipment.

Derwent Publications, London WC1: scientific information publishing.

Donner Underwriting Agencies, London EC3: Lloyd's underwriting agents.

Dow Corning, Barry, S Glamorgan: exporter of silicones.

F Drake & Co of Golcar, Huddersfield, W Yorks: manufacturer of polypropylene multi-filament yarn.

Durmech Engineering, Pensnett, Kingswinford, W Mids: manufacturer of metal processing equipment.

Dynapert Precima, Colchester, Essex: manufacturer of automatic assembly machines for electronics and microelectronics.

Eclipse Blinds, Glasgow: designs and produces window blinds.

***Enterprise Computer* Services,** Aldermaston, Berks: provides computer services.

Eurocast Bar, Loughborough, Leics: producer of continuous cast iron bars.

Euro-Magnetic Products, *Salfords, Redhill, Surrey:* maker of magnetic computer tapes and accessories.

Europa Manor Engineers, Chipping Warden, near Banbury, Oxon: manufacturer of aluminium greenhouses and allied products.

Fastnet Fish (Exports), Grimsby, S Humberside: producer of frozen food.

Filtronic Components, Shipley, W Yorks: maker of microwave components.

Flight Equipment & Engineering, Chesham, Bucks: manufactures passenger seats for aircraft.

Forest & Sawmill Equipments (Engineers) T/A Forestor, Whitchurch, Hants: designs and markets sawmill equipment.

The Great Scottish and Western Railway Company, London SW11: tour operator.

H P Bulmer Pectin, Hereford: manufacturer of *citrus apple pectin.*

Hawker Sidley Power Engineering, Burton on the Wolds, Loughborough, *Leics: designs and supplies* power generation distribution equipment.

Hepworth & Grandage, *Bradford, W Yorks: maker of* pistons, rings and pins for engines and compressors.

Herga Electric, Bury St *Edmunds, Suffolk:* manufacturer of electrical switches.

Hilden Manufacturing, Oswaldtwistle, Accrington, Lancs: produces damask tablecloths and napkins.

John Hine, Bordon, Hants: producer of miniature cottages for the gift trade.

Homark Associates, Parkstone, Poole, Dorset: designs and manufactures draught beer and wine dispensing equipment.

Hunting Precision Components, Tonbridge, Kent: manufacturer of precision engineered steel components.

Husky Computers, Coventry, W Mids: producer of hand-held computer *systems.*

Doncasters Blaenavon Div, INCO Engineered Products, Blaenavon, Gwent: manufacturer of metal rings.

Ingersoll-Rand, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear: maker of *pumps and pumping* equipment.

JCB Sales, Rocester, Uttoxeter, Staffs: manufacturer of earthmoving and terrain *materials handling equipment.*

I&M Kindler, Crewe, Cheshire: exporter of men's topcoats and jackets.

Lafferty Group, London SW1: provider of information for financial services and conferences.

Lilliput Lane, Skirsgill, Penrith, Cumbria: producer of handpainted miniature cottages.

The Electric Actuator Div, Lucas Aerospace, *Bradford,* W Yorks: exporter of electromechanical actuators and systems.

Macallan-Glenlivet, *Craigellachie, Banffshire,* Scotland: distiller of malt whisky.

Malvern Instruments, Malvern, Worcs: manufacturer of laser instrument systems.

Marine Projects (Plymouth), Plymouth, Devon: *builder of motor cruisers* and yachts.

Winnersh Site of Mars Electronics International, Wokingham, Berks: maker of electronic coin mechanisms.

Monocon Refractories, Old Denaby, Doncaster, S Yorks: producer of refractories.

Northern Engineering Industries, Newcastle upon Tyne, designer and maker of power generation, mining and materials handling equipment.

Oxford Medical, Abindgon, Oxfordshire: maker of advanced medical equipment.

Pitney Bowes, Harlow, Essex: manufacturer of mailing machines and other equipment.

Polaroid (UK), Dumbarton, Scotland: producer of photographic film, cameras and sunglass lenses.

***Sortaweigh Div, Portals* Engineering,** Aldershot, Hants: maker of computerized weight grading machines.

ProMicro, London NW6: provider of computer software for petrochemical and allied industries.

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Queensgate Instruments, Ascot, Berks: maker of servo-stabilized scanning interferometers and micropositioning devices.

Rediffusion Simulation, Crawley, W Sussex: manufacturer of flight simulation equipment.

The Regent Belt Company, Walgrave-St-Peters, Northants: maker of belts, bags and leather accessories.

The Elan Div, The Reiss Engineering Co, Binley, Coventry, W Mids: high pressure water washing machines.

Rexodan, Widnes, Cheshire: manufacturer of laundry, household and industrial chemicals.

Reynolds Medical, Hertford: maker of diagnostics medical electronics.

Rolls-Royce, London SW1: manufacturer of gas turbine engines.

Optical Devices Div, STC Defence Systems, Paignton, Devon: maker of optical semi-conductor devices.

Sco-Fro Foods, Glasgow: processor of seafood, soft fruit and vegetables.

Seabourne Express, Barking, Essex: international hauliers.

Seawheel, Ipswich, Suffolk: provides unit load and container transport.

Serono Diagnostics, Woking, Surrey: producer of medical diagnostic immunoassay kits.

Shorko Films, Swindon, Wilts: manufacturer of polypropylene film.

Sigmex, Horsham, W Sussex: design and manufacture of computer graphic systems.

Daniel Smith, Wolverhampton, W Mids: maker of cold roll forming machines.

Sperrin Metal Products, Draperstown, Co Londonderry: maker of steel storage equipment.

Pressing & Assembly Div, Stadco, Shrewsbury, Shropshire: producer of vehicle body panels and sub-assemblies.

Technophone, Camberley, Surrey: manufacturer of portable cellular radio telephones.

Tiphook Group, Bromley, Kent: international transport container rental.

Triplex Aircraft & Special Products, Kings Norton, Birmingham: design and manufacture of windscreens.

Varian-TEM, Crawley, W Sussex: manufacturer of radiotherapy simulators.

Verson Wilkins, Darlaston, Wednesbury, W Mids: design and manufacture of power presses and metal forming systems.

Vickers Instruments, York: manufacturer of measurement and inspection systems.

Walkers Shortbread, Aberlour on Spey, Scotland: exporter of butter shortbread, cakes and biscuits.

Wardley Export Finance, London EC2: confirming house.

Mostyn Unit, Warwick International, Mostyn, Holywell, Clwyd: manufacturer of speciality chemicals.

Wedgwood Hotelware Div, Josiah Wedgwood & Sons, Barlaston, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs: maker of bone-china tableware.

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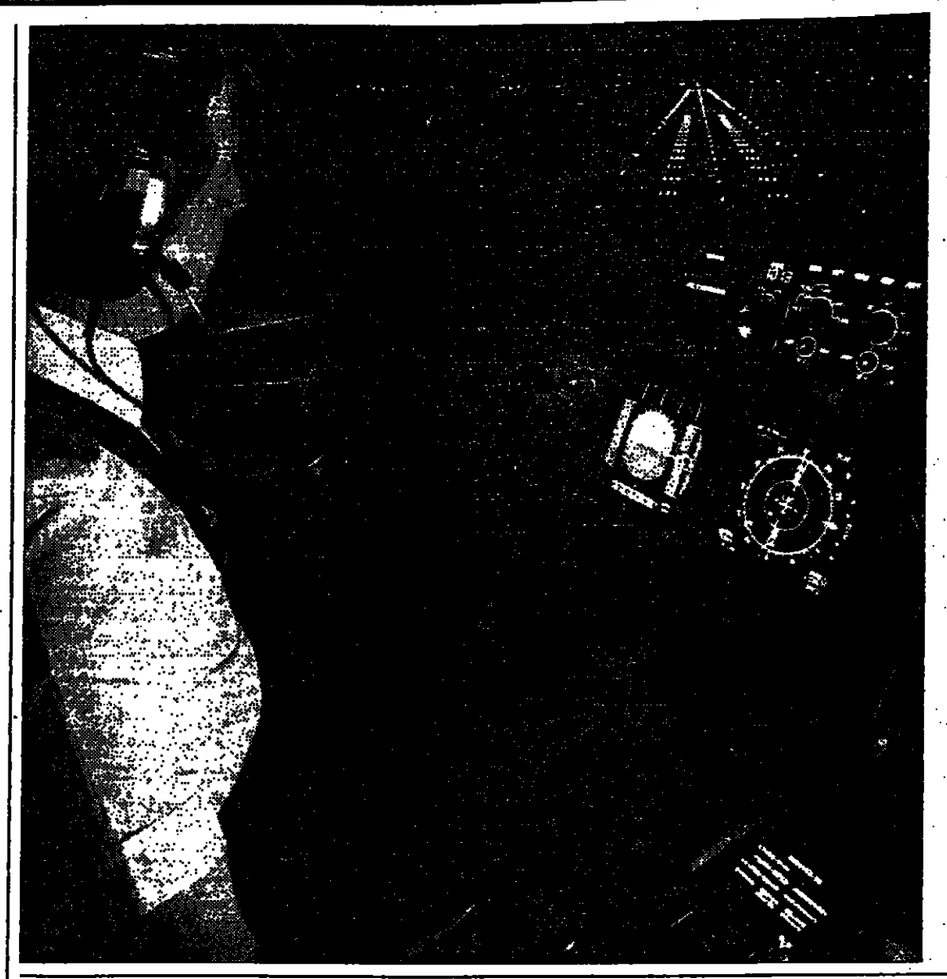

Simulator sales soar

Last year, Rediffusion earned almost £25 million in exports of advanced technology flight simulators. When completed, the £8 million simulator, pictured left, for the new Airbus A320 will be installed at Ansett Airline's flight training centre in Melbourne, Australia.

More than three-quarters of the company's production is exported and orders stand at a record £200 million. Since 1966, Rediffusion has won five Queen's Awards, for both export and technological achievement.

Rediffusion Simulation is Europe's largest manufacturer of simulator products, employing 2,000 people in Britain and 500 at its subsidiary in Arlington, Texas.

■ Another form of simulator, used in radiotherapy for cancer patients, has this year led to a double Queen's Award for Varian-TEM of Crawley, Sussex. The Varian machine allows a patient to be moved on a motorized couch through any combination of angles so that radiotherapy can be precisely administered and the software which controls the system can exactly reproduce all the characteristics of all existing radiotherapy equipment.

With the market in the UK limited to the 65 centres where such treatment is carried out, the export market had to be cracked. Varian-TEM has sold its £250,000 machines in America, West Germany, the Irish Republic, Italy and Scandinavia.

New markets recently entered are Taiwan, Malaysia, South Korea, Australia, Russia and China, where the company has already sold six. The company has, like other exporters, faced difficulty in getting into the French and Japanese markets, but it is determined to succeed here too.

Fashion at the fast end

Fast delivery dates for chainstores has been the key to success for Wilson Jones, a small company in Basford, Nottingham, which makes nightdresses and housecoats for customers throughout Europe and the Middle East.

The partners — John Willitts, left, pictured with Brian Jones — sell own-label goods. The company employs 29 people turning out 5,000 items a week.

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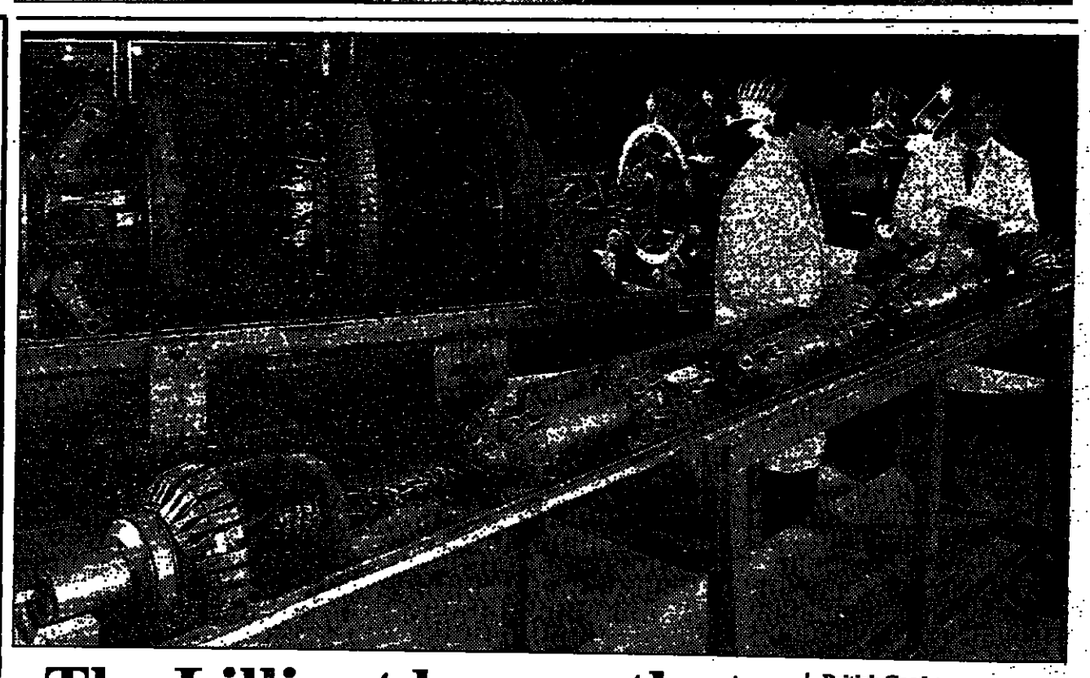

The Lilliput houses that David and William built

The success of Lilliput Lane, the Cumbrian company, which has won a Queen's Award for Export is staggering. In six years it has risen from a seven-man operation in a converted stable block to one employing 520 people at three sites and with salesmen throughout the world.

The range of tiny, decorative cottages and castles made from Amphorite, a rock-based plaster, and priced from under £10 to nearly £200, are collected avidly throughout the world with 10,000 people taking the company's quarterly magazine.

The company — run by William Dodd and David Tate, pictured left — isn't exactly sure why people buy its products — is it because they don't have a dream cottage and a Lilliput Lane model is the closest they will ever get to owning one? — and is now undertaking market research to find the answer.

However, the products have generated great interest in the United States and Germany, where a special range of German architecture is selling well, and a new castle based on a Bavarian Schloss is set to become a big export earner.

The success has meant that job opportunities have been created in what was an employment blackspot with workers being trained to hand-paint the detailed cottages, which are produced after extensive research to make sure that they reflect the architectural style of an area. An equal success with a Queen's Award for Export has been achieved by another manufacturer of miniature cottages, John Hine of Bordon, Hampshire. The US giftware trade is the most important overseas market for this fast expanding company's range of hand-made, hand-painted items which also includes an animal jazz band and country rambles.

British Gas has won awards for both exports and technology with equipment, pictured above, which could at present be burrowing under your feet — a system developed for the internal inspection of gas pipes enabling work to be done without costly excavation and disruption of the gas flow.
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THE QUEEN'S AWARDS/4

Tech takes the prizes

The following companies have been granted the Queen's Award for Technological Achievement:

AES Engineering, Rotherham, S Yorks: development of mechanical shaft seals.

Airopak Div, Air Products, Crewe, Cheshire: development of solvent resistant polythene containers using an in-line fluorization process.

Filton Unit, Civil Aircraft Div, British Aerospace, Bristol: development of wings for the Airbus A320 Airliner (jointly with The Aerodynamics Dept, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Ministry of Defence).

The Speciality and Aerospace Div, British Alcan Aluminium, Gerrards Cross, Bucks: development of lightweight aluminium alloys for aerospace applications (jointly with The Materials & Structures Dept, Royal Aircraft Establishment, Ministry of Defence).

Headquarters Technical Department, British Coal Corp, Stanhope, Bretby, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs: development of an in-seam seismic method for detecting geological faults in coal seams.

British Gas On-line Inspection Centre, Cramlington, Northumberland: development of a high performance on-line pipeline inspection system.

The Research & Development Dept, British Gypsum, East Leake, Loughborough, Leics: development of an improved kettle for the calcination of gypsum.

John Brown Automation, Coventry, W Mids: development of an automatic system for automotive clutches.

Vascutek Div, Coats Viyella Medical, Inchinnan, Renfrewshire: development of the Gelseal Trixial non-porous vascular prosthesis.

Crosrol, Holmfield, Halifax, W Yorks: development of the Crosrol Mk4 Card high-performance carding machine.

Cybrid, Leighton, Buzzard, Beds: development of an automated pattern scanning and nesting system for the garment industry.

The Aerodynamics Dept, The Royal Aircraft Establishment, Ministry of Defence, Farnborough, Hants: development of lightweight aluminium alloys for aerospace applications (jointly with The Speciality and Aerospace Div, British Alcan Aluminium).

Dowty Meco, Worcester: development of heavy duty armoured flexible conveyors for longwall coal mining.

Dowty Filtration Technology Div, Dowty Mining Equipment, Ashchurch, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire: development of the Dowty "Jet Flush" filter, an automatic self-cleaning filtration system for coal mines.

Eley, Wilton, Birmingham: development of a safer method of producing percussion type primers for ammunition.

The Instrument Systems Div, GEC Avionics, Rochester, Kent: development of Standard Central Air Data Computers (SCADC) for aircraft.

GKN Composites, Telford, Shropshire: development of vehicle leaf springs made from glass fibre and epoxy resin (jointly with GKN Technology).

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Graseby Ionics, Watford, Herts: development of a hand-held chemical agent monitor.

Herga Electric, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk: development of fibre-optic sensors.

Hydraroll, Gaerwen, Isle of Anglesey, Gwynedd: development of the IBM 9335 high-density magnetic storage sub-system.

IBM UK Laboratories, Portsmouth, Hants: development of its IBM9335 high-density magnetic storage system.

The Systems Engineering and Development Unit, ICL Mainframe Systems of International Computers, West Gorton, Manchester: design and application of nodal architecure in the development of the ICL Series 39 "multiprocessor" computer systems.

IMI Titanium, Wilton, Birmingham, W Mids: development of high temperature creep resistant titanium alloys for aircraft gas turbines.

The Automotive Group, ICI Paints Div, Imperial Chemical Industries, Slough, Berks: development of "Aquabase" low-emission surface coatings for automotive vehicles.

Itek Colour Graphics, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire: development of electronic colour separation scanners for the printing industry.

Materials Technology Group, The Laboratory of The Government Chemist, London SE1: development of glass-ionomer cements for dentistry.

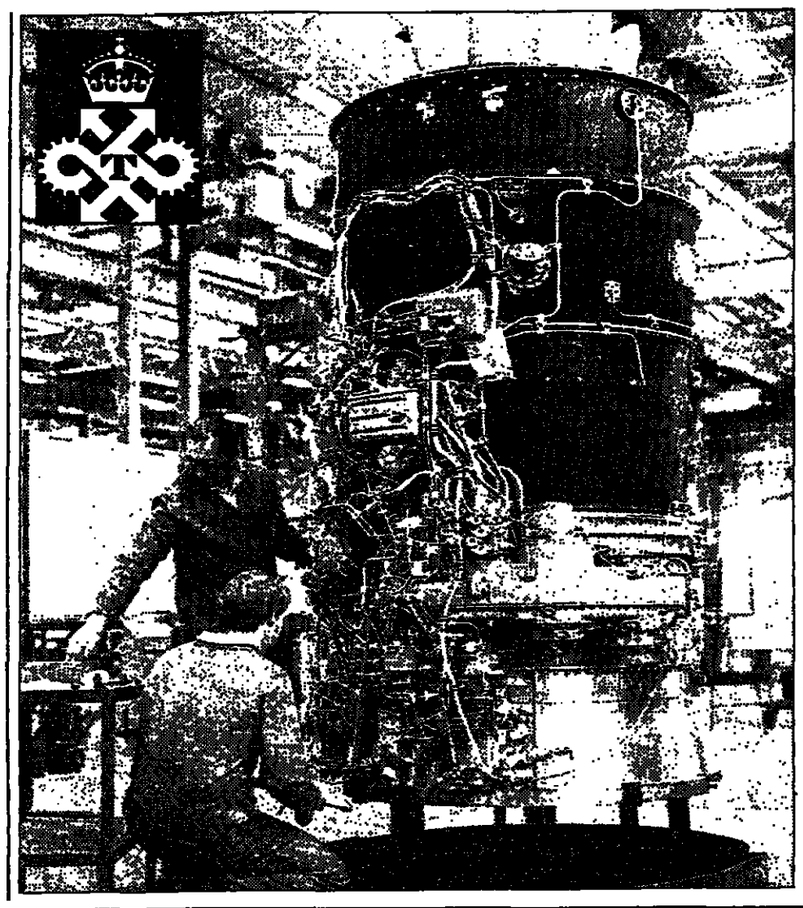
Malvern Instruments, Malvern, Worcs: development of an instrument to determine particle sizes using laser light diffraction.

K S Paul Products, London N18: development of PolyButylCuprysil (PBC), an advanced lubricant with anti-seize and anti-corrosion properties.

Quantel, Newbury, Berks: development of "Harry", a digital video recording, editing, processing and compositing system.

Queensgate Instruments, Ascot, Berks: development of servo-stabilized scanning interferometers.

Racal Marine Systems, New Malden, Surrey: development of the "Micro-Fix" microwave electronic positioning system.



■ **Prizewinner: the Rolls-Royce Tay turbofan engine, left, built at Derby and *chosen for the aircraft of* Fokker, Gulfstream and British Aerospace**

Response Company, Winchester, Hants: development of solid state electricity meters and energy audit systems.

Reynolds Medical, Hertford: development of the Pathfinder 3 System for high-speed analysis of long-term electrocardiograms.

The Tay Project of Rolls Royce, Derby: development of the Tay engine.

Safecom, Ashbourne, Derbyshire: development of an electronic communications and safety system for use in mine shaft cages.

Sigmex, Horsham, W Sussex: development of the 6000 series of computergraphic terminals and generators.

Technophone, Camberley, Surrey: development of the PC105 Pocketphone pocket cellular telephone.

Thurne Engineering Co. Norwich, Norfolk: development of the Thurne Polyslicer versatile high-speed industrial food-slicer.

Tunnel Refineries, London SE10: production of vital gluten and glucose syrups from British wheat.

Varian-TEM, Crawley, W Sussex: development of the Ximatron C series of radiotherapy simulators.

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Tony Martin, of Alfred Marks, describes the changing face of his work in finding highly trained people for business

The recruiters can now supply their clients with experts

The time is 3am, the location central London. While the rest of the city sleeps, a team of workers is answering customer complaint letters for a national retail chain. Yet the night workers have no connection with the retail organization. They are part of the bureau services division of a recruitment consultancy.

Those of us who have ever written to complain to a retail organization about poor service or product quality often have a vision of a top executive lambasting an employee as a result. While that vision may be good for our self-esteem, it is unfortunately not realistic.

Answering customers' complaints is just one of an increasing variety of tasks that large companies are contracting out in the interests of paring down their own full-time payrolls to a "core" of essential staff.

It need not conflict with the service ethic; in the case of complaint letters, the statistics on complaints answered are fed back by the subcontractor to the client, who is then in a position to rectify identified problem areas. And if problem areas can be identified quickly and cost-effectively, large businesses can compete more efficiently in mass markets.

The efficient use of personnel is a consideration that has spawned a boom in the services offered by the human resources sector, and which has been given greater impetus by the development of new technology.

One fundamental example is training. Recruitment consultancies, particularly those providing office staff, would soon be out of business if the staff they supplied to their clients were not adequately trained in new technology.

The office systems training facilities that they set up to meet this need also provide training on a contract basis for the existing staff of both large companies that prefer to use external training and companies not of a size to have such resources of their own.

The momentum generated by the rapid pace of technological development has resulted in such a wide range of systems and software packages at some recruitment consultancy training centres that they now have a pool of in-house expertise that is being put to work in other areas as well.

The net result is that it is now possible to provide consultancy on systems installation and software packages, and consultancy on ergonomics. Managers of external companies considering installing personal computers or choosing software can come to the office systems centres and gain hand-on experience of almost every type there is.

In at least one case, equipment manufacturers themselves now use this expertise to seek independent opinions of their products on neutral territory, and seminars are held for manufacturers throughout Europe to enable them to review their equipment in relation to the changing needs of the market-place.

The bureau services, training, data conversion and office systems consultancy services that have grown from the boom in new technology are a far cry from the days when a recruitment agency simply filled the need for new staff. But the expansion of services that is becoming such a significant feature of the industry goes beyond new technology; it is beginning to encompass human resource management as a whole.

The management skills needed to run a complex network of subcontracted services, and the experience of personnel issues gained from talking to thousands of personnel managers a year, are now being put at the disposal of organizational clients.

The growing demand by companies for external human resource management is leading to the development of complete personnel-planning portfolios ranging from forecasting likely needs for staff, through recruiting and training the various kinds of workers wanted, to motivating and monitoring them when they are in post. Organizations that are poised for large-scale expansion or have intermittent needs for the more sophisticated techniques of human resource management are particularly likely to benefit from such consultancy.

But there is a further kind of skill developed by the recruitment sector that is becoming even more important as the structure of working patterns changes. It is expertise, not only in "personnel" management of a workforce as a whole, but in "personal" management of particular workers as individuals.

One of its effects is to enable people to use temporary work as a career-development process. A junior secretary, for instance, who wants to rise to the top of the secretarial tree, can go to a recruitment consultancy for help in achieving that aim through a planned "programme" of temporary assignments.

The consultancy will identify what additional experience is needed and provide it by means of a succession of suitable assignments rising in seniority and punctuated by the appropriate training.

The acceptance of responsibility for the individual's development and upward progression represents a radical departure from answering the short-term needs that were a feature of the past.

Personal management on those lines looks likely to be in increasing demand as employers reduce their full-time payrolls to the core of managers and others directly needed to produce and sell their products. Since this is likely to transcend the secretarial sector where it is now rooted, more and more specialists in other disciplines such as personnel and computing will be turning to temporary employment.

If they are to obtain an adequate supply of assignments, they will need more than highly developed expertise in one particular field. They will need to have additional abilities and resources that the typical specialist worker rarely possesses — the marketing, financial and other managerial skills to keep themselves in business, and the facilities and time to keep abreast of advances in their professional field.

Fortunately, however, those abilities and resources will be readily available to those on the payrolls of the recruitment sector. Before long many more professionals will be following the trail blazed by their secretarial and clerical counterparts in search of the personal management the sector has learned to provide.

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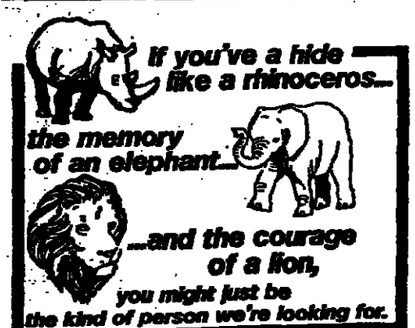

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A guide to career development

Managing the managers

British management culture, says an expert, leans towards industrial Darwinism in which the fittest somehow survive and transmit their knowledge in the process. Godfrey Golzen reports on new measures to help counter this

The publication of the Handy report, *The Making of Managers*, last April highlighted the wide margin by which Britain was falling behind competitors in producing properly-trained managers. Its message has spurred a proliferation of courses for Masters of Business Administration, but the output will still fall far short of demand.

Roger McCormick, director-general of the Association of MBAs, says that only 12,300 of the 90,000 people who enter management roles each year have any form of business education. Furthermore, relatively few of those who become an MBA enter industry, preferring management consultancy and financial services.

Some question the practical value of what they regard as an academic course of study. British management culture,

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says Mr McCormick, leans towards a *form of industrial Darwinism in which* the fittest will somewhow survive and transmit their knowledge in the process.

But the British Institute of Management is now preparing a counter move by linking education to practice and to competency.

"Competency is generally taken to mean a set of skills", says Graham Millborrow, the BIM professional development director. "But it's much more than that. It's a mix of attitudes, aptitudes and personal qualities which make up the underlying characteristics of a manager. They're all closely linked. If one ingredient is missing, other competencies become less soundly based."

Some of these attributes sound largely innate, but the BIM contends that even those are capable of being developed by a type of post-experience training not available in the academic world: coaching by tutors experienced in judging people as well as business situations and drawn from line managers within the

Ros Drinkwater

Roger McCormick: "Management a form of industrial Darwinism"

students' own organization so that what is studied is also relevant to the culture in which they find themselves.

To establish the content of such training, the BIM conducted a survey of branch chairmen about the competencies most in demand. This resulted in a list of some 28 topics, headed by a leadership, business planning, budgeting and managing change.

The institute acknowledges the difficulties of applying absolute criteria among so may variables, so it has divided its new qualification, the Di*ploma in Management Practice, into* Parts 1 and 2, each of six modules.

The first six form a mandatory foundation course and include managing people, communication, problem solving and interpreting financial data. In the second and longer part, students choose a further six from 12 options, such as negotiating, marketing and the management of change.

There is also a precondition to Part 1: students must first have taken a diploma in management studies, or some equivalent accredited and theory-based course.

The Practice Diploma does not involve passing exams; but rather represents a general assessment of competence in the various fields of study that are undertaken. But it is not an easy option, either for students or for the firms which agree to offer it.

For students, the diploma, ideally taken over two years, involves some 1,200 hours of work, the equivalent of seven full-time months. Study is envisaged as being mostly a spare or part-time activity, though it also involves regular two-day assessment sessions and simulation exercises.

The costs are quite high. The registration fee for individuals is £800 for Part 1 and £1,200 for Part 2. This covers student packs, distance learning materials and the assessment procedures. However, the BIM expects that the majority of its students will be sponsored by their employers, for whom there is a corporate rate offering economies of scale.

For tutors, there is a week-long certification course which costs £500, but money may be the least of the commitments which employers are being asked to undertake. The recommended ratio of tutors to students is no more than 1:6 – equivalent to that between professionals and trainees in accountancy practices.

The BIM envisages that formal full-time tutoring will take only a day a month, but the real demands on the time of line managers may be much greater.

"It isn't just a teaching role", says Mr Milborrow. "It's going to be a continuous process of guidance, mentoring and counselling."

Nevertheless, he does not believe it will be a distraction from the managers' line responsibilities. He says that tutoring will also be a learning process for them. "It will be making a valuable contribution to developing their own skills in delegation, grooming successors and appraising performance."

As for the argument that the benefits of management training often accrue to the next firm the trainee *joins*, having increased his or her value in the jobs market, he believes that employer-sponsorship of transferable qualifications will before long come to be a benefit offered as a recruitment incentive, like a transferable pension.

He cites the example of accountancy practices which offer training without agonizing over the fact that they may lose some of their trainees to competitors.

For students in medium-sized and *small firms which feel that they cannot* release executives for in-house tutoring, the BIM will also be conducting courses

BIM courses held at regional centres

at its own regional centres. There will eventually be an opportunity for freelance trainers with an appropriate management background, but as yet it is too early to assess the demand.

However, the response from member firms to the pilot programmes that are now running has been enthusiastic. More than 1,000 executives have expressed an interest in becoming tutors for the new diploma, starting in November.

The ultimate object of the BIM's initiative is that the diploma will be one of the qualifying strands for becoming a chartered manager.

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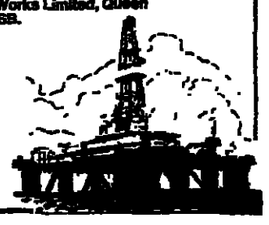

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We offer an attractive salary and benefits which will include company car and related expenses.

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Saddling up for a salute to the noblest man of a booming game

Thundering into the pages of a blockbuster: polo rides on a new high in the public imagination (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Polo's galloping strides

By John Watson

The increase in polo clubs in Britain during the past couple of years, from 20 to 24, and the rise in the number of players, from some 690 to over 760, are not the only signals that the game is booming in this country.

More overseas poloists are clamouring for places in British clubs and *more enthusiasts* are applying for non-playing membership. While the novelist, Jilly Cooper, is researching the game for the background to her next "blockbuster".

But Colonel Alec Harper, secretary of the Hurlingham Polo Association (the ruling body of the game), though very optimistic, adds a pertinent, if cynical, note to his appraisal of the tyro situation in the association's 1988 handbook.

"A lot of them are of very low handicap," he regrets, "and one wonders whether the motive is to play polo or to put a pair of boots on and a Lock hat in the back window of the Porsche!"

At the top level a British team (H Hipwood, A Kent, J Horswell and W Lucas) returned last week from their Australian bicentenary challenge at Sydney defeated — but only by 11-10 in extra time. Their opponents, being on home going and richly mounted by Kerry Packer, had the edge in pony power.

The next all-British team to line up (probably based on the Hipwood brothers — now reduced in handicap from nine to eight — and Kent) will face a United States squad at *Smith's Lawn, Windsor, on* July 24. On the same afternoon the Prince of Wales will put together a foursome to take on France (represented by the Macaire brothers, Lionel and Stefan, and Guillaume Tari, the fourth to be decided in July).

The cosmpolitan image of the game will be as colourful as ever. Four New Zealanders, one Australian, two Chileans, three Mexicans, one Canadian, three Brazilians, one Colombian and eight Americans will be among the foreign players taking part this summer in the British Open championships (June 28 to July 17) and the high-handicap tournaments.

Although Argentina has been represented in many other spheres of British sport since the *Falklands conflict* in 1982, its nationals are still debarred from our high and medium-goal championships. That is not simply because Argentina continues to consider the conflict with Britain unresolved.

The position is complicated further by the fact that some members of the Guards Polo Club (the one with the strongest following) belong to regiments that suffered in the war and none worse than the Welsh Guards, of which Prince Charles, the figurehead of British polo, is colonel.

The national anger that would be aroused if he were to be seen on friendly terms with nationals from the "enemy territory" can be readily envisaged. But, from a purely *sporting point of view, the top* bracket of British polo could do with a fresh injection of Argentinian talent.

There is an important celebration coming up next month. Viscount Cowdray, the doyen of British polo, has just retired from the HPA committee after 40 years as chairman or vice-chairman. Having attained a four handicap during the 1930s and accompanied the British Westchester team to the United States as *non-playing captain in 1939*, he lost his arm with the BEF in 1940.

He then not only resumed play after the war and continued umpiring for long after he could no longer play, but he *was the man who resurrected* the game in Britain and got our first national team going again in the post-war years.

Arguably, he has been the most influential figure in the whole polo world during the *past half-century. The big* salute due to him is imminent. Perhaps it will be at the opening of the high-goal season at Cowdray Park next weekend.

Other important dates on the calendar are the challenge for the Prince of Wales Trophy at the Royal Berkshire Club between May 20 and 29; the Queen's Cup at Smith's Lawn from May 28 to June 5.

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HOVE: Sussex v Somerset.

Other matches
11.30 to 6.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Warwickshire.
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FOOTBALL

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CENTRAL LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Bradford v Manchester City (7.30); Grimsby v Sheffield United; Hull v Leicester; Nottingham Forest v Liverpool. Second division: Blackburn v Doncaster; Mansfield v Rotherham.
SUNDAY MIRROR COMBINATION: Tottenham v Swindon (2.0).
VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Hayes v Leytonstone-Ilford. First division: Hampton v Southwick. Second division south: Banstead v Chertsey (7.45).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: President's Cup: First second leg *(first leg score in brackets)*: Southport (3) v South Liverpool (2). Premier division: Gainsborough v Barrow. First division: Eastwood Hanley v Droylsden; Flestwood v Accrington Stanley; Sutton v Alfreton.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bedworth v Witney.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Charlton v Queen's Park Rangers.

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: British Isles international series (at Hartlepool).
SNOOKER: Embassy world professional championships (at Sheffield).
SPEEDWAY: National League: Middlesbrough v Berwick.
TENNIS: Queen's Club tournament.

SPORT ON TV

SNOOKER: BBC2 2.30-5.25, 6-6.50, 10.10 and 11.35 p.m.: Embassy world professional championship: Coverage of the first and second rounds from Sheffield.

SPORTS LETTERS

Budd campaign has nothing to do with sport

From Mr D. P. Marchessini

Sir, I was much amused by David Miller's column (April 18) on the ubiquitous subject of Miss Zola Budd.

Your correspondent compares Miss Budd's presence in South Africa to attending a dinner in the house of the Kray brothers. If your correspondent was somewhat more informed about Africa, he would realize that he is likely to find people behaving like the Kray brothers much more frequently in other African countries than he would in South Africa.

The significant point is that the campaign against South African athletes was commenced years ago for the declared purpose of eliminating apartheid in South African sport. The fact is that apartheid *in sport in South Africa has long* since been eliminated, and black and white athletes have been competing freely together for years. Yet the campaign against them continues. The only conclusion that can be drawn is that this campaign has nothing to do with sport, but only with politics.

The real issue, which your correspondent takes pains to avoid, is whether we are going to allow other countries to dictate to us the composition of our athletic teams. I wonder what the reaction of the Russians would be if we objected to one of their athletes on the grounds that he was a member of the KGB and had liquidated several people; or the Arabs, if one of their athletes was accused of involvement in an air hijacking; or the Chinese, if one of their athletes had been active in the massacres in Tibet; or the black countries, *if one of their athletes* had been involved in putting burning tyres around people's necks.

I think we all know how far we would get with any objections of that sort. Yet your correspondent suggests that Miss Budd should be banned because *she had the temerity to attend* an athletics event in the country where she has grown up. I would suggest that your correspondent has stepped through the looking glass and joined Alice in Wonderland.

Yours sincerely,
D. P. MARCHESSINI,
Kingsbury House,
15-17 King Street, SW1.

From Mr Andrew Gilchrist

Sir, The members of the British Amateur Athletic Board are indeed in a most unenviable position. They are faced with a responsibility which they can scarcely have contemplated when they stood for election to the board.

However, if they feel that they must in conscience reject the dubious edict of the IAAF, there is a way in which they can diminish their personal responsibility.

Let them notify the IAAF of their stand on the matter and then immediately resign their positions on the British board. Thereafter they would come forward for re-election on the strength of what they have done. If they are re-elected, their consciences are clear. If not, there will still be plenty of time for their successors to make the necessary submissive gesture and so ensure the presence of British athletes at Seoul.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW GILCHRIST,
Arthur's Crag,
Hazelbank,
By Lanark.

Remarkable event

From Mr David Armstrong

Sir, As I cycled to work on Friday, April 15, I noticed that, overnight, an interrupted blue *line had been painted on the* roads to mark the course of the forthcoming London Marathon. It occurred to me again what a remarkable event this has become. There can be very few other occasions when amateurs, gifted and disabled, dedicated and not-so-dedicated, may share their sport with an international field of world-class athletes.

Certainly, there are few other occasions when the roads between Plumstead and Tower Bridge are repaired. For the rest of the year, there are gaping chasms, bottomless canyons *and treacherous ravines to be* negotiated by cyclists but, miraculously, each spring these black holes disappear as the blue dotted lines materialize.

Thus do I pay my rates, happy in the knowledge that, once a year, athletes from all over the world can run in safety and comfort, whilst I may cherish a few short weeks of pothole-free cycling and await with impatience the 1989 London Marathon. Long may it run!

Yours faithfully,
DAVID ARMSTRONG,
82b Riverdale Road, SE18.

From the Rev Dr R. John Tudor

Sir, Now that the 1988 London Marathon is behind us, and with the uncertain availability of County Hall in 1989, may I take this opportunity to urge the organizers not to arrange the event on a Sunday morning in the centre of London.

This is no reflection on the Marathon itself which provides so much fun and purpose for so many people. It is a genuine request to consider those who worship in the city centre churches and the churches en route. Often freedom of access and normal public transport facilities have to be withdrawn or altered at some considerable inconvenience. In addition the dreadful overcrowding of parked vehicles presents numerous hazards. On Sunday vehicles were parked across the pavement up to the doors of *Central Hall creating a serious* risk should there have been the necessity to call the fire brigade or ambulance service.

I write with a sense of foresight because of hindsight.

I remain yours sincerely,
R. JOHN TUDOR,
The Methodist Church,
Westminster Central Hall, SW1.

From Mr Graeme J. Allan

Sir, I have been watching the London Marathon, an event which always gives me great pleasure, and which is enjoyed by millions of people. It is an excellent advertisement for our nation, and gives an opportunity for young and old, men and women, to display their talents and benefit charity at the same time.

However, this year's marathon showed an incident which disturbed me. One young man wore a T-shirt with the words *"Back Alton, Support The Unborn Child"*. This slogan received prominent coverage by the BBC. I believe that such political slogans ought to be banned in future as contrary to the spirit of the marathon.

Yours faithfully,
GRAEME J. ALLAN,
19 Wellington Avenue,
Wellfield,
Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear.

Penalty dominant

From Mr Leslie Duckworth

Sir, I fear that Mr Maxwell-*Hyslop (April 14) shows that he* is living in a dream world. The game never was as he describes it.

Those of us who have been involved with rugby football for some 60 years know well that throughout that time the great*est concern has been with the* domination of the penalty goal and what to do about it.

The "play the ball with the foot" law, just as often as it brought quick possession, resulted in an untidy mass dribble (the techniques of which were taught to us forwards) which was great fun for those in it but deadly dull for everybody else.

The game today, with all its failings, is a far better one than that we played in our time. My criticism of the modern game lies in its two great obsessions: first with the drop goal (which from a set-piece situation 30 yards or so from the line cannot be prevented by the defence — and therein lies its inequity), and secondly with the pushover try and the passion for holding the ball in the back row at nearly every scrum which, legitimate *tactics both, are ruining today's* play. Something has to be done about these aspects without delay.

Yours faithfully,
L. DUCKWORTH,
Southport, Lancashire.

Tighter tackling

From Mr F. E. Macvie

Sir, As a rugby league follower for almost 68 years, I agree with most of the points made by Mr D. S. Cooke (April 7) concerning Chris Oti.

However, I am not yet convinced that he would score "an abundance" of tries should he turn to rugby league. At Twickenham his tries were scored against poor marking and woefully weak tackling by the Irish.

Against tight marking and devastating tackling as we saw in the two Halifax v Hull semi-finals, would he have progressed five yards? Should he change codes he would ccertainly have the opportunity of scoring more tries, supported by good backs and fast running forwards who can handle the ball.

Yours sincerely,
F. E. MACVIE,
Fiddlers Green,
Blackford Hill,
Henley-in-Arden,
Warwickshire.

Making better use

From Dr Don Anthony

Sir, John Goodbody (April 7) thinks that the likely conclusions to be drawn by the Minister for Sport, after his visit to East Germany, will be "the need for Britain to make far more efficient use of its financial resources".

I hope this means, among other things, that the football pools will be given over to a multisport body — using the profits for the benefit of all sport (as in Italy); that John Smith will turn Liverpool Football Club into a truly "multisport" club (as with Real Madrid); that Wembley Stadium will become the property of British sport utilized fully for sport and phycical education right across the board — in terms of training, performance, and administration (as in Finland).

Or am I misunderstanding?

Yours sincerely,
DON ANTHONY,
15 Elm Road,
Sidcup, Kent.

Awaiting the tide

From Mr Willem Dekkers

Sir, As I write, PSV Eindhoven are well placed to reach the European Cup final, and so are Ajax Amsterdam in the Cup Winners' Cup. The national team will compete in this year's European finals,

According to Arthur Cox, Derby's manager (April 12), "Dutch football is at its lowest ebb for years". I wonder what will happen when the tide comes in.

Yours,
WILLEM DEKKERS,
Korevaarstraat 8a,
Leiden, The Netherlands.

Change ought to be for good

From Mr Gary Dickson

Sir, The Football League's farcical centenary festival was merely the latest in a long line of decisions which have made a mockery of our national game.

I heard Ken Bates complain over the weekend that change is always decried by the traditionalists. He referred to the difficulty in establishing the League (Milk, Littlewoods) Cup some 20 years ago.

Frankly, I believe the Littlewoods Cup, along with the Sherpa Van, Simod and the rest, should be melted down for scrap. Why should change, any change, be blindly accepted? What is desired is change for the good — making the game more entertaining, stadiums more comfortable and having fewer matches.

The League championship and the FA Cup are good enough for me — what's the point in giving clubs more chance of getting to Wembley, that just devalues the occasion. If you eat between meals, then your meals aren't as enjoyable: the snacks may be tasty, but they don't leave a deep feeling of well-being.

In this respect we could learn from American football. There, each team plays 16 games a season, another two or three if it makes the play-offs and then the Super Bowl. That's a maximum of about 20 games and this leaves the public as hungry as wolves for the sport. The first division should gradually be cut to 16 teams, like the Italian version, to sharpen the fans' appetite.

If the League bigwigs haven't the guts to make radical changes — changes which would restore the game to its former glory in my view — then they should quit. Ordinary fans are sick of seeing the game they love being pulled apart by short-sighted administrators who grasp every *penny of sponsorship without* considering the consequences.

Yours faithfully,
GARY DICKSON,
1 Nursery Avenue,
Portstewart, Co. Derry.

Summer term

From Mr Anthony Swainson

Sir, Stephen Garvin's letter (April 14) decries the school summer term ending "early in June" with the consequent decline in cricketing prowess at public schools and university.

Not so under the State education system. The summer term does not end until the end of July, and the playing fields are used for organized games throughout the holidays.

It is the public schools, with a boarder population, who have empty playing fields in the late summer months. A crying shame, I agree, but I do not think the decline in public school and university cricket is due to these causes.

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Yours faithfully,
ANTHONY SWAINSON
Director, Lord's Taverners,
1 Chester St, SW1.

Separate boards

From Mr Geoffrey Peake

Sir, Mr Brennan (April 14) scorns the idea of separate boards to administer Protestant rugby and Catholic rugby in Ireland, yet he neglects to mention the exclusivity of the *Gaelic Athletic Association*, which has operated on a basis of political and cultural separation.

Yours faithfully,
GEOFFREY PEAKE,
113 Mottram Old Road,
Stalybridge, Cheshire.

Court of Appeal — **Law Report April 21 1988** — Court of Appeal

Evidence of future breach required

***City of London Corporation* v Bovis Construction Ltd**

Before Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Bingham and Lord Justice Taylor

[Judgment April 18]

Where a local authority sought an injunction to restrain a party's deliberate breaches of the terms of a notice served on it under section 60 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 to control noise on a construction site, the exercise of the court's discretion to grant such an injunction, which was to be exercised only *in exceptional cases* and with great caution, required not evidence that the law had been deliberately and flagrantly flouted but a clear inference that the party's unlawful operations would continue unless and until effectively restrained.

The Court of Appeal so held in reserved judgments when it dismissed the appeal of Bovis Construction Ltd against the order of Mr Julian Jeffs, QC, sitting as a deputy judge in the Chancery Division on February 22, 1988, when he granted the local authority, the City of *London Corporation*, an interlocutory injunction to restrain Bovis from carrying out various building works at Beaufort House, 29-55 Middlesex Street and 15 St Botolph's Street, London, at specific times and on specific days.

The injunction was varied to include the words "without reasonable excuse" to reflect the limits of the offence under section 60(8) of the 1974 Act.

Mr Anthony Machin, QC and Mr David Lamming for Bovis; Mr John Uff, QC and Mr Stephen Bickford-Smith for the local authority.

LORD JUSTICE O'CONNOR said that Bovis were the construction managers for a substantial development close to Aldgate Station which was subject to restrictions imposed by London Transport, because of the site's proximity to the Metropolitan Railway, and, following a report of May 1, 1987 to the local authority housing committee on the development's effects on tenants on a nearby estate, a notice *under section* 60 of the 1974 Act.

Contravention of the notice without reasonable excuse was a criminal offence, and the offender was liable to a fine not exceeding £2,000 on summary conviction. Bovis had not exercised their right of appeal against the notice.

Six informations were served by the local authority on Bovis after contraventions of the notice in August and September 1987, and, after various delays and adjournments, 18 informations were now due to be heard in July 1988.

The local authority sought injunctive relief under section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972 to protect the interests of the local inhabitants from contraventions of the notice. The court's jurisdiction had been considered in *Stoke-on-Trent Borough Council v B & Q (Retail) Ltd* ([1984] AC 754, 773, 775-777).

Relying on that case, Mr Machin submitted that an injunction could not be granted unless it was first established Bovis had committed an offence or offences, that the criminal law provided an adequate remedy and that the notice's terms had been deliberately and flagrantly flouted; Bovis had not been convicted of any offences and evidence showed they had always been anxious to comply with the notice.

His Lordship said that he argeed with and adopted the reasoning of the Court of Appeal in *Runnymede Borough Council v Ball* ([1986] 1 WLR 353, 363-364, 365-366) which had considered the phrase "deliberate and flagrant flouting of the law", and he agreed that that *striking* phrase was not part of the *ratio* of Lord Templeman's speech in the House of Lords in the *Stoke-on-Trent* case (at pp375-377).

There was no doubt that the local authority were amply justified in concluding that criminal proceedings *under section* 60(8) were a wholly inadequate remedy for securing compliance with the notice, namely, preventing the occurrence of nuisance by noise affecting the residents.

In the granting of relief, it was not necessary for the local authority to prove that the alleged contraventions were criminal offences, although it was relevant to the form of the injunction granted.

Clearly, as construction managers, Bovis were in full control of the site and had been properly served with the notice; it mattered not that the actual work of construction was carried out by trade contractors, who, by the terms of their contracts, were bound to comply with Bovis's instructions.

The evidence of the effect of the repeated contraventions was enough to satisfy the "something more than infringement" stipulated by Lord Templeman; it did not matter that Bovis protested their desire to comply with the notice.

The present situation was entirely different from the Sunday trading and gipsy caravan cases in which the defendants had intended to continue breaking the law. The facts in the instant case showed the court's need to help the residents.

It would be inexplicable to them and an unwarrantable restriction on the court's power if it could not help them because it could not be shown that Bovis were deliberately and flagrantly flouting the law in the ordinary sense of that phrase. Work was not done on a building site on Saturday afternoons by accident.

If the work contravened the terms of the notice that was a deliberate contravention, and the judge had been correct to hold that it was proper to grant injunctive relief.

The categories of persons, under section 60(5) of the 1974 Act, on whom the notice could be served were not mutually exclusive, and the evidence was sufficient to justify the local authority's conclusion that Bovis carried out the works; the authority were not obliged to *investigate the specific contrac*tual arrangements on site.

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM, agreeing, said that the guiding principles in which the civil courts could and should come to the aid of the criminal law by the grant of injunctive relief were:

1 That the jurisdiction was to be invoked and exercised exceptionally and with great caution: *Gouriet v Union of Post Office Workers* ([1978] AC 435).

2 There certainly had to be something more than mere infringement of the criminal law before the assistance of civil proceedings could be invoked and accorded for the protection and promotion of the interests of the inhabitants of the area: *Stoke-on-Trent Borough Council* (pp767, 776); *Wychavon District Council v Midland Events (Special Events) Ltd* ((1987) 86 LGR 83, 87).

3 The essential foundation for the exercise of the court's discretion to grant an injunction was not that the offender was *deliberately and flagrantly flouting* the law, but the need to draw the inference that his unlawful operations would continue unless and until effectively restrained by the law, and that nothing short of an injunction would be effective to restrain him: *Wychavon District Council* (p89).

The conduct which the local authority sought to restrain was conduct which would have been actionable in the absence of any statute; even if the conduct was not criminal it would probably be unlawful.

There was no reason for the court pedantically to insist on proof of deliberate and flagrant breaches of the criminal law when, as in the present case, there was clear evidence of persistent and serious conduct which might well amount to contravention of the criminal law and which might, at the present interlocutory stage, be regarded as showing a public and private nuisance.

It was quite plain that the service of the notice and the threat of prosecution had proved quite ineffective to protect the residents.

Lord Justice Taylor delivered a concurring judgment.

Solicitors: Masons; Mr D. W. L. Butler.

'Means' includes mode of transport

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Caunhye and Others

Before Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Nicholls

[Judgment April 19]

The "means" of a passenger, whose sole purpose was transit, connoted, for the purposes of paragraph 9 of the Statement of Changes of Immigration Rules (HC169), not just a ticket or the financial facilities to enable him to obtain one, but also the transport available to take him to his destination.

Furthermore, in considering whether or not to grant such a passenger leave to enter the United Kingdom, an immigration officer had to be satisfied not only that he had such means to continue his journey but that he intended to proceed to another country and was assured of entry there.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Lekram Caunhye, Abdool Yousouf Ally Boothawoonah, Assaad Lootfun, Ahad Ally Duymun, Rubenraw Gunnoo, Liscoomar Seewsagur, Michel Marc Amic, Jean Luc Patrice Robert, Dheeraj Mokhram and Jean Claude Ngan-Sing from the Divisional Court (Lord Justice May and Mr Justice Macpherson) (*The Times* May 19, 1987) who dismissed their applications for judicial review by way, *inter alia*, of *certiorari* to quash the decision of an immigration officer refusing them leave to enter the UK when no such leave was sought.

Mr D. Hunnam for the appellants; Mr Roger Ter Haar for the Home Secretary.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the appellants had arrived at Heathrow from Mauritius intending to change planes and go on to Brussels for a short holiday. All had appropriate, confirmed tickets for their onward flights; all had Benelux visas and all had return tickets to Mauritius.

While awaiting their flights in the transit lounge, which by section 11 of the Immigration Act 1971 was an area in which they were deemed not to have entered the UK, they were required by customs officers to go to the customs area outside the area of the transit lounge where they were all subjected to prolonged and intimate searches on suspicion of carrying prohibited drugs.

When the examination revealed no trace of drugs, the appellants were interviewed by an immigration officer. It then became apparent that the relevant airlines would not carry them to Belgium since the Belgian authorities would not decide to admit them before interviewing them.

In his Lordship's view the immigration officer's conduct so far could not be faulted. Under paragraph 2(1) of Schedule 2 to the Immigration Act 1971 she had been entitled to examine the appellants for the purpose of, *inter alia*, determining whether they should be given leave to enter the UK even though they had not applied for it.

Paragraph 9 of HC 169 provided that detailed examination of a passenger whose sole purpose was transit to a country outside the common travel area was unlikely to be required once he had satisfied the immigration officer that he had both the means and the intention of proceeding at once to another country and was assured of entry there. If the officer was not so satisfied leave to enter would be refused.

Paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 2 of the 1971 Act required that where a person was examined under paragraph 2 and was to be given limited leave to enter or was to be refused leave, notification of the decision was to be given within 12 hours of the conclusion of his examination, otherwise he was to be deemed to have been given indefinite leave to enter.

It followed that the immigration officer had 12 hours in which to give or refuse them leave to enter. If she did neither the appellants would acquire an irrevocable right to indefinite leave; and if she gave them leave, the immigration authorities would lose the right to have them removed from the UK under Schedule 2, paragraph 8 of the Act.

Regarding paragraph 9 as decisive, she stated that she was not satisfied, having had the information from the airlines as to their means of transport, that they had the means or the intention of proceeding. Notices of refusal to enter were then endorsed on their passports.

Thereafter, the appellants instructed a solicitor to apply for judicial review and the immigration authorities while offering to endorse the appellants' passports with 24 hours' leave to enter, refused to withdraw the notice of refusal from the passports.

In considering whether the immigration officers were entitled as a matter of law to have refused leave to enter and endorsed the fact on the passports, it was clear that they were authorized to examine the appellants under paragraph 2(1) although they had not sought leave to enter, and the plain effect of paragraph 6(1) was that they were required to grant or refuse leave within 12 hours.

In considering paragraph 9, the immigration officer had also been correct. Counsel for the appellants had submitted that "means" referred to financial means and that the appellants lacked neither the means nor the intention of proceeding.

Mr Ter Haar, however, was right in submitting that the word did not have so limited a meaning. It connoted in its context a ticket or the financial facilities to enable a traveller to buy a ticket and an aircraft available to fly him to his intended destination. That was not a complete answer, because an appropriate meaning had to be given to the words "at once".

His Lordship inclined to think that if an obstacle such as fog delayed passengers whom an immigration officer had interviewed he would not be required to refuse them leave to enter.

However, the true justification for the immigration officer's action lay in the words on which in terms she had not relied, namely "the intention of proceeding to another country and is assured of entry there". The appellants were intent on proceeding to Belgium but they were most certainly not assured of entry there. The Divisional Court's decision would accordingly be affirmed.

However, certain matters should be brought to the urgent attention of the Home Secretary. The 12-hour requirement in paragraph 6(1) could in the case of transit passengers not wishing to enter the UK work very much to their detriment by forcing immigration officers to make a decision which could otherwise be postponed for the benefit of all. It was for consideration whether the time limit should not be substantially longer where the person concerned had not sought to enter the UK.

With regard to paragraph 9, problems were created by the need to satisfy the immigration officer (i) that the passenger was able to proceed to his detination "at once" and (ii) that entry was assured; and by the lack of discretion as to the consequence of any failure so to satisfy the officer, namely the automatic refusal of leave to enter.

"At once" could be capable of some flexibility given the delay occasioned during some air travel, the phrase might perhaps be amended to "within a reasonable time".

Furthermore what was meant by "assured of entry"? The words were not "reasonable assurance of entry". Many travellers had visas, but every country reserved the right to refuse even the holder of a visa. Could it really be said that a visa-holder was assured of entry?

It was for consideration whether the consequences of a failure to satisfy the officer should be a refusal of leave to enter, but a detailed examination and a determination whether limited leave to enter should be granted or whether it should be refused.

Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Nicholls agreed.

Solicitors: Zaman Choudhury & Co; Treasury Solicitor.

CRICKET: ENGLISH CROWDS WILL FIND NEW FACES ON TEST DUTY BUT FAMILIARITY IN THE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

West Indian pair enter the fray

From Richard Streeton
Bridgetown
Barbados

Keith Arthurton, a consistent left-handed batsman from the Leeward Islands, and Ian Bishop, a young Trinidad fast bowler, are the newcomers chosen by the West Indies for the tour to England. Otherwise the 17-strong party, led by Viv Richards, is made up by experienced players, most of them familiar faces to English crowds.

Arthurton, who was 23 in February, comes from the tiny island of Nevis, whose last Test representative was the left-arm spinner, Elquemedo Willett, in the early 1970s. Arthurton has made two impressive centuries against the Pakistanis in recent weeks after finishing second in the Red Stripe Cup batting averages during the domestic season.

A compact stroke-maker, Arthurton will be the first left-hander in West Indies sides since Larry Gomes retired and he also bowls occasional left-arm spin. Though Arthurton is not expected to play, he has been asked to join the 13 players the West Indies have named for the third and final Test match starting here tomorrow.

Bishop, who will not be 21 until October, is highly regarded by Richards and has a dangerous out-swinger delivered with a smooth, high action. He took 19 wickets at 13.68 each in 96 overs to top the Red Stripe averages this season.

Richards wanted to have six fast bowlers with him and one place was certain to go to Curtly Ambrose who has already played in the present Test series against Pakistan. Clyde Walcott, the chairman of the selectors, persuaded the West Indies board to increase the tour party from 16 to 17, partly to fulfil the captain's request and also to give Bishop international experience. Bishop's selection means that Tony Gray and Winston Davis unexpectedly will be available for their counties, Surrey and Northamptonshire, this summer after all.

Others in the side relatively unknown to English followers are Carl Hooper, a solid Guyanese batsman and the best of the younger West Indian school; Phil Simmons, the Trinidad opening batsman, who has had two years in the Bolton League; and David Williams, another Trinidadian who is the reserve wicketkeeper. All of them went on the West Indies tour to India before Christmas. Hooper is now the established No. 6 Test batsman; Simmons is tall and a free striker of the new ball; Williams is only 5ft 3in and a neat, unobtrusive keeper.

No vice-captain has been appointed so far. This is an indication, perhaps, that the selectors were not entirely happy with either Greenidge, who led West Indies in the first Test against Pakistan when Richards was ill, or with Marshall, who incurred criticism for his leadership of Barbados in the Red Stripe Cup.

It is possible that the role of deputy to Richards will be shared among senior players as needed. A minor surprise is that Roger Harper, a former vice-captain, who could not keep his Test place, is in the side once again as an off-spinning all-rounder. Hooper's presence these days, however, makes it unlikely that Harper will receive Test opportunities.

For Friday's Test match the West Indies 13 comprises the team who played in the second Test which ended in Port of Spain on Tuesday, together with Arthurton and Patterson who has recovered from a knee injury.

Intikhab Alam, the Pakistan manager, said after the second Test ended that he had never seen a Test match which had flucuated so much between the sides from hour to hour. Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, felt Javed Miandad's 102 in the second innings which kept Pakistan in the hunt, was one of the great innings of modern times.

Tour party

I V A Richards (Leeward Islands, captain), C G Greenidge (Barbados), D L Haynes (Barbados), R B Richardson (Leeward Islands), A L Logie (Trinidad), C L Hooper (Guyana), W K M Benjamin (Leeward Islands), P J L Dujon (Jamaica), M D Marshall (Barbados), B P Patterson (Jamaica), E L C Ambrose (Leeward Islands), C A Walsh (Jamaica), K L T Arthurton (Leeward Islands), R A Harper (Guyana), P V Simmons (Trinidad), D Williams (Trinidad), I R Bishop (Trinidad).

WEST INDIES: First Innings 174 (Imran Khan 4 for 38, Abdul Qadir 4 for 83). Second innings 391 (I V A Richards 123, P J L Dujon 106 not out; Imran Khan 5 for 115; Abdul Qadir 4 for 148).

PAKISTAN: First Innings 194 (Salim Malik 66; M D Marshall 4 for 55).

Second Innings

Mudassar Nazar c Dujon b Benjamin	13
Ramiz Raja c Richards b Marshall	44
Shoaib Mohammad b Benjamin	0
Javed Miandad c Richards b Ambrose	102
Salim Malik lbw b Walsh	30
*Imran Khan c Dujon b Benjamin	1
Ijaz Ahmed st Dujon b Richards	43
†Saleem Yousuf lbw Richards	35
Wasim Akram c Richards b Marshall	2
Ijaz Faqih not out	10
Abdul Qadir not out	0
Extras (b 17, lb 17, nb 25, w 2)	61
Total (9 wkts)	341

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-60, 2-62, 3-67, 4-153, 5-169, 6-282, 7-288, 8-311, 9-341.

BOWLING: Marshall 30-4-85-2; Ambrose 30-7-62-1; Benjamin 32-9-73-3; Walsh 29-8-52-1; Hooper 4-1-18-0; Richards 4-1-17-2.

Umpires: G E Cumberbatch and L H Barker.

Botham comes down to earth at Manchester

By Andrew Longmore

After the heady triumphs of the mountains, Ian Botham returns to the more down-to-earth surroundings of Old Trafford for Worcestershire's opening Britannic Championship match against Lancashire today.

Botham will play unless he suffers some unexpected reaction to his Alpine trek, according to the captain, Phil Neale. Botham's only reaction, however, is likely to be to the words of Peter May, the chairman of selectors, who said earlier this week that the England all-rounder would have to earn his Test place back. Lancashire could regret he ever suggested such a thing. Worcestershire include Steve O'Shaughnessy, who joined the county from Lancashire, and the opening batsman, Gordon Lord, in their party of 12.

The news of two other England bowlers was less good. After spending the winter recovering from his back injury, Richard Ellison, of Kent, is out of his side's first match with a knee injury and Neil Foster could miss the first month of the season with a similar problem.

Foster has been having regular treatment at the national rehabilitation centre at Lilleshall, but has not set a target for his return. "It is just a question of being patient and building up the strength in my right knee, but everything seems to be going well, although it is a slow process," he said.

Kent include their new overseas fast bowler, Hartley Alleyne, and the left-arm spinner, Richard Davis, in their side against Essex, who welcome back Allan Border after his sabbatical last summer. The Australian captain was at pains yesterday to put the record straight on his part in the Botham Queensland affair.

"There was no great blazing row between us," Border said. "But there was an argument between us concerning Greg Ritchie and unfortunately it took place in view of members of the public. But I still regard Both as a friend and I hope he feels the same way about me."

Another England hopeful, the Sussex all-rounder, Colin Wells, will have a last-minute fitness test on a pulled back muscle before the match against Somerset. Wells's fitness will be vital to Sussex, who include newcomers Andy Clarke, a leg-spinner recruited from club cricket, and the medium-pacer, Rodney Bunting, from minor-county Norfolk. Meyrick Pringle, aged 21, an all-rounder who came to the county from South Africa on the recommendation of Garth le Roux, definitely plays.

Nottinghamshire are unchanged as they start the defence of their championship at Lord's, but Leicestershire will be without their West Indian fast bowler, George Ferris, who has an ankle injury. Surrey wait on the fitness of their promising medium-fast bowler, Martin Bicknell, who is recovering from a back injury.

Surrey will have both their West Indian fast bowlers, Sylvester Clarke and Tony Gray, available for the whole season, and, after the success of a last-minute appeal to the TCCB, Hampshire will be able to play their own overseas fast bowler, Stephen Jefferies, in the match at Southampton. The TCCB had originally blocked his registration until the county's other overseas players, Greenidge and Marshall, had been officially selected for the West Indies touring party.

With the New Zealand captain, John Wright, coming into the side and Peter Bowler fresh from his debut century against Cambridge University, the Derbyshire captain, Kim Barnett, has dropped down the order for his side's mach against Leicestershire at Derby. Barnett will bat at No. 5. "It's fair to give Peter a run and John is happier opening," Barnett said. "I think I've got enough experience to adapt."

NatWest increase

The winners of the NatWest Trophy this year will earn £21,000, £1,000 more than Nottinghamshire collected last September. NatWest, sponsoring cricket's leading one-day competition for the eighth year, is putting up a total of £56,000 prize-money, a £2,500 increase on 1987. Nottinghamshire begin their defence of the title at Torquay on June 22 when they meet Devon in the first round.

All smiles: Lancashire players (left to right) Jesty, Hughes and Matthews prepare for the rain at Old Trafford yesterday

Fowler ready for fairer fortune

By Peter Ball

One lesson emerged loud and clear from MCC's opening match against Nottinghamshire last weekend — after a characteristically accident-prone winter the irrepressible Lancashire opener, Graeme Fowler, has picked up where he left off last season.

The innings, by all reports, was in a typically perky Fowler vein, exhilarating strokes sometimes counter-balanced by a general appearance of insecurity. But appearance is the key word, for it is difficult to argue with Fowler's record last season, or in his days as an England opener.

Last season he amassed 1,800 first-class runs, including three centuries and 11 fifties, to become the leading English run-scorer in the first-class averages, and the highest scorer for his county for 22 years. His failure to attract the selectors amazed his colleagues, moving his captain, the usually temperate David Hughes, to describe his ommission from all the winter touring parties as "diabolical".

His colleagues, and indeed Fowler himself, believed that last season, as he helped Lancashire to their highest position since 1960, he was a better player than in his days as an England regular. Then a devastating neck injury, the legacy of a car crash in 1978, surfaced. He plunged from an England place to the county second XIin little over two months.

It is easy to forget the fact now, but before the injury took its toll, he had an exceptional Test record. He had just returned from the tour of India where he became the first English batsman to score a Test double century on the subcontinent.

In his first 20 Tests he scored 1,238 runs, an aggregate outstripping those of such noted accumulators as Geoffrey Boycott, John Edrich, and Graham Gooch over the same stage of their careers. That record included five Tests against the 1984 West Indies at their most formidable. Fowler coping better than anyone except Allan Lamb.

Even then not everyone was convinced. Fowler's vulnerability outside the off stump exercised some critics. His colleagues report, however, that it is unjustified now.

Fowler, his jaunty personality restored after the traumas of the previous two seasons had added a sharp edge to his quick wit, also began enjoying his cricket again last year. "Day in, day out I think I'm playing better than I ever have," he said then. "I'm playing straighter, and I'm standing a lot more still when I bat. I'm not jumping up and down as much as I used to."

The recovery from the injury is now complete, and that played a major part in his return to form. "I've got more control over my hands and more strength since my neck was sorted out," he said.

The winter was spent in Australia working in a cold store. "I was the only English cricketer overseas going to work in a balaclava," he reflected ruefully, and typically his occassional proneness to accidents resurfaced. His winter was cut short when a fork-lift truck ran over him, breaking his foot.

Now he is eagerly looking forward to the challenge of the new season, revelling in the new atmosphere at Old Trafford and hoping to help the county go one better than last season's second place. But he still retains his ambition, and although he is clearly behind Gooch, Broad, Robinson and Moxon in the pecking order, his sheer guts may yet be required against this summer's tourists, the West Indies.

Fowler himself would relish the opportunity, although after spending 1984 ducking and diving he would approach it differently this time. "I shall wear a forearm protector, use a lighter bat and try and take them on this time," he promised. It might be typical Fowler fearlessness, but it is encouraging after the winter's discontents to hear an English cricketer sounding so positive.

Parsons instrumental in students' collapse

FENNER'S: Warwickshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 96 runs ahead of Cambridge University

Five Cambridge University wickets fell without a run being added after lunch, taken at 58 for two, as Warwickshire seamer Gordon Parsons reaped a nap hand in only 18 balls at Fenner's yesterday.

After their patiently stubborn first two hours, the students were all out in another 64 minutes, after the interval, for a paltry 78 runs. Parsons finished with figures of 16-7-16-7. In reply, Warwickshire had lost their captain, Lloyd for nine but Moles and Asif Din took the total on to 174 for one

Turner, the opening batsman, a freshman, was top scorer with 27, before being the first man out off the second ball following the interval.

Disaster struck the University in the first three overs after lunch, when Parsons took three wickets in 10 balls without a run being added.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY: First Innings

P A C Bail lbw b Small	4
†R J Turner c Humpage b Parsons	27
*M A Atherton c Humpage b Smith	11
J M Tremellen c Humpage b Parsons	0
J C M Atkinson c Moles b Parsons	0
S J Noyes c Moles b Parsons	0
A M Hooper c Humpage b Parsons	0
R Bate b Parsons	0
J N Perry not out	14
G A Pointer c Kallicharran b Parsons	0
N C W Fenton b Merrick	1
Extras (nb 3)	3
Total	78

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-35, 3-58, 4-58, 5-58, 6-58, 7-58, 8-69, 9-77.

BOWLING: Small 14-5-21-1; Merrick 7.3-1-21-1; Smith 7-0-15-1; Parsons 16-7-16-7; Gifford 3-1-5-0.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

*T A Lloyd c Atherton b Fenton	9
A J Moles not out	83
Asif Din not out	73
Extras (b 4, lb 4, w 1)	9
Total (for one wkt)	174

A I Kallicharran, † G W Humpage, P A Smith, G J Parsons, T A Merrick, G C Small, A R K Pierson and N Gifford to bat.

Umpires: B J Meyer and J C Balderstone.

Debutant Almaer's snail-paced crawl

THE PARKS: Northamptonshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 132 runs behind Oxford University

Simon Almaer played one of the slowest innings in cricket history when he made only four runs in two and a half hours for Oxford University yesterday.

Almaer's first scoring shot on his first-class debut was an edge for two after 25 minutes play. He added two singles towards lunch and did not score in the half hour after the interval before being caught at slip. David Hagan's wicket was the only Northamptonshire success before lunch, but the expected Oxford collapse followed with the next three wickets falling for six runs. The remaining batsmen were bowled 137 in 92 overs.

Oxford University failed to benefit from the best start for two seasons after being put in. Hagan and Almaer put on 53 before Hagan, who struck eight boundaries, was caught for 43.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

D A Hagan c Bailey b Larkins	43
S A Almaer c Bailey b Robinson	4
*M J Wilkins c Ripley b Robinson	7
†G D Reynolds lbw b Brown	1
R E Morris c G Cook b Williams	21
A N S Hampton c Ripley b Robinson	12
S D Weale c G Cook b N G B Cook	14
I M Henderson c Ripley b Brown	9
P G Edwards c Ripley b Walker	9
J D Nuttall b Walker	0
M R Musgrove not out	0
Extras (b 3, lb 2, w 1, nb 11)	17
Total	137

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-61, 3-66, 4-67, 5-96, 7-119, 8-135, 9-137.

BOWLING: Walker 22-9-40-2; Brown 21-13-25-2; Robinson 21-6-43-3; N G B Cook 15-8-18-1; Larkins 9-9-0-1; Williams 4-2-6-1.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

*G Cook not out	2
W Larkins not out	2
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (no wkt)	5

R J Bailey, A J Lamb, R G Williams, N Stanley, †D Ripley, N G B Cook, S Brown, M Robinson and A Walker to bat.

Umpires: J D Bond and N T Plews.

Atherton and Hussein lead in Fenner's trial

By Yuri Matischen

Michael Atherton, of Cambridge, leads a team in the final trial for the Combined Universities at Fenner's, Cambridge, on Sunday. Captain of the Combined side, Atherton is expected to command a first-team place with Lancashire later this season once his Cambridge commitments are over.

Nasser Hussein, of Durham University, captains the opposition. Contracted to Essex, Hussein is a lively stroke-player and was with Atherton in Australia earlier this year playing for Young England in the World Cup.

A further four students from last year's side are among the trialists. Paul Bail, at Cambridge, Martin Speight, the Durham wicketkeeper, Mark Crawley, of Oxford and Tim Barry, of Loughborough will provide invaluable support to Atherton and the rest.

Graham Saville, the NCA coach based at Essex, is in charge of the team for the second year and knows he needs to strengthen the bowling. He will be expecting Mike Smith (Exeter University), Jonathan Atkinson (Cambridge), Mark Hickson (Loughborough) and Nigel Fenton (Cambridge) to provide his main attack.

ATHERTON XI: M Atherton (Cambridge), P Bail (Cambridge), N Fenton (Cambridge), T Barry (Loughborough), C Tolley (Loughborough), A Hansford (Surrey), G Harding (Durham), M Speight (Durham), T O'Gorman (Durham), M Kilborn (Oxford), T Orrell (Salford), G Townsend (Birmingham).

HUSSEIN XI: N Hussein (Durham), J Boring (Durham), J Atkinson (Cambridge), R Turner (Cambridge), S Chauhan (Kent), M Hickson (Loughborough), D Hodgson (Loughborough), M Crawley (Oxford), D Hagan (Oxford), S James (Swansea), M Smith (Exeter), D Turpin (Warwick).

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WRESTLING

Loban is encouraged

By Nicolas Soames

Noel Loban, the British heavyweight, was not too crestfallen by failing to make an impression on the Soviet world champion, Leri Khabelov, in the final of the European championships in Manchester: the silver medal was sufficient compensation for losing 9-0.

Khabelov is a remarkable technician, and for all his intense manner, Loban, aged 31, could only acknowledge that he was caught by some highly skilled moves. But Loban, an Olympic bronze at 90kg, fourth in last year's world championships and now a European silver at 100kg, can look towards winning a medal in Seoul with optimism.

But this does not indicate, sadly, that British Olympic wrestling is undergoing a renaissance. With its public image still sullied by the professional antics, it remains small and undeveloped in Britain.

There are only a few thousand who actually wrestle in this country, and the British Amateur Wrestling Association is debating whether to hire its first full-time coach or a development officer.

And yet the British potential is there. British juniors figure in the medals in the world and European junior competitions, but fail to maintain the promise in the senior events. Brian Aspen, European silver medal winner at 57kg in 1984, was one exception, but Loban is not — for though British, he emerged through the highly developed American collegiate system.

What a contrast, then, is the work of the Soviet Union. In the last European cadet championships they did not even bother to send a team. But in Manchester this weekend every final featured a Soviet wrestler, and nine of the 10 won.

BOWLS

England show why they are favourites

England, fielding four new caps, made a confident start to the CIS home international indoor series at Hartlepool yesterday, beating Wales by 152 shots to 81 — confirming their position as favourites to retain the Hilton Trophy (David Rhys Jones writes).

England's 13-1 lead after one end included a six inflicted on Dai Richards by John Bell, who finished 31-7 in front. Andy Thomson and Pip Branfield's rinks also topped 30, while Tony Allcock and David Bryant had narrower wins of 10 and seven respectively.

Only David Wilkins, a Welsh skip, managed to stem the tide, holding David Ward's rink to a 17-all score.

RESULTS: England 152, Wales 81. Skips scores (English names first): A Allcock 24, T M Jones 14; A E Thomson 30, J A Morgan 12; P J Branfield 31, G Williams 19; D J Bryant 19, L Webley 12; D Ward 17, D Wilkins 17; J Bell 31, D Richards 7.

RACING

Harwood voices Warning doubt for Newmarket

By Michael Seely, Racing Correspondent

Warning is a doubtful runner in the General Accident 2,000 Guineas but no plan has yet been made to switch Zelphi from the Prix d'Essai des Poulains to Newmarket in an attempt to give Khaled Abdulla his third triumph in the first of the colts' classics.

Guy Harwood said yesterday: "I have not been happy with the way that Warning has been working the past two days, nor have I been happy with the way my horses have been running this season. Therefore, Warning must be considered doubtful for the English 2,000." A further statement is expected after Warning has galloped at Pulborough on Sunday morning.

Harwood has yet to saddle a winner this season and the running of Hellbesten, who finished last of six behind Unfuwain in the Warren Stakes at Epsom on Tuesday, must have been of grave concern to the stable.

Warning's distinguished two-year-old career had seen the colt installed as a firm favourite for the Guineas until he was deposed by Doyoun in last week's Craven Stakes at Newmarket.

Interestingly, an analysis of the Craven by *Timeform Computer Timefigures* suggests that the time for the classic trial was not as exceptional as has been thought.

"Doyoun recorded a Timefigure of 121," said Chris Wright, the departmental manager. "A figure of 130 is considered to be a potential classic winning performance.

"Of course, this is not against Doyoun, as it was only his second race and he is sure to improve. In fact, I think he will win the Guineas. But Warning's figure of 116 was exactly a stone below that put up in the Champagne Stakes at Doncaster."

Ladbrokes have shortened Doyoun's price to 1-2 and offer Warning at 7-2 with a run. They then go 6-1 Caerwent, 12-1 Intimidate and Lapierre, 14-1 Charmer and 33-1 bar the five.

Just a week ago Warning, Sanquirico and Tibullo headed the betting on the Guineas with Doyoun on offer at 12-1.

Other classic news came from Jeremy Tree. Confirming that no decision would be taken about Zelphi, last Saturday's Greenham Stakes winner, until after a discussion with Abdulla, the Beckhampton trainer then said that Magic Of Life could now be regarded as a certain runner in the 1,000 Guineas.

"She has been coughing, but is now fine. She worked really well this morning and I was delighted," said Tree. Pat Eddery will ride the Seattle Slew filly, whose odds have shortened to 10-1.

The plunge on Unfuwain for the Derby with Dick Hern's impressive winner of the Warren Stakes now generally on offer at 8-1 after being laid at 12-1 and 10-1 yesterday.

No positive pointers towards the Derby came from the Racal-Vodafone Blue Riband Trial Stakes after Richard Hills on Shuja had fought off a determined challenge from his brother Michael on the fast-finishing St Cadoc to win by a head.

Tom Jones trains the winner for Sheikh Hamdan Al-Maktoum, whose blue and white colours have been carried to victory four times in the past five days by Alwasmi, Dastur and Unfuwain as well as by yesterday's winner.

"He's a nice young horse who is much better on faster ground," said the trainer. "But I won't make any plans until I've talked to the owner."

Gavin Pritchard-Gordon, on the other hand, produced a possible classic candidate when John Reid drove Princess Genista to a three-length win in the Racal Electronics Fillies' Handicap. "It was only her stamina that got her there," said the trainer. "And if the owners want to run in a classic, I shall recommend the Oaks rather than the Guineas."

Triptych in cup muddle

From Our French Racing Correspondent, Paris

A clerical error may have cost Patrick-Louis Biancone his chance of winning the Hanson Coronation Cup at Epsom on June 2.

Biancone had intended to enter Triptych, last year's winner, and River Memories, in the group one event, but a telex confirming the entry of the Peter Brant-owned pair appears to have gone astray.

Weatherbys evidently did not receive the entry, since neither horse is among the 29 official entries announced yesterday.

Biancone claims he has the telex confirming the entry and that any mistake was not his own.

Either one of Triptych or River Memories would have been a strong fancy for the Epsom contest but, even without them, there is a good foreign entry, with Arc second Tony Bin and the much-travelled Le Glorieux looking the pick.

The lines between Biancone's Chantilly stable and Weatherbys are sure to be buzzing today as they attempt to sort out the confusion.

Scudamore on 99 mark after double

Bean Ranger's smooth victory in the £25,000 South Wales Showers Mira Silver Trophy at Cheltenham yesterday completed a double for Peter Scudamore, leaving the champion on the 99 mark for the season. It also took Martin Pipe past £200,000 in win prize-money for the first time in his training career.

With everything in his favour, Beau Ranger started 11-10 favourite and forced the pace in his usual style. Very Promising faded into fourth but Chief Ironside excelled himself with a strong challenge over the last two fences. Scudamore, however, reported that Beau Ranger was never off the bridle.

Pipe was annoyed at Liverpool where Beau Ranger spread a plate and had to be withdrawn at the start of the Chivas Regal Cup, won by Desert Orchid. It could have been a blessing because today's race was much easier and just as valuable.

Ten Of Spades, watched by his 88-year-old owner, Colonel Bill Whitbread, initiated the Scudamore double when tackling 3¼ miles for the first time in the Piper Champagne Golden Miller Chase. Ten Of Spades was always dictating the running and won as he wanted.

"He needs three miles now and has been wanting this good ground," said Mercy Rimell, who thinks Ten Of Spades could be a Hennessy prospect.

Nick Gaselee saddled a handsome double with Private Views (8-13) and Western Dandy, a total surprise at 33-1 and over 90-1 on the Tote.

Private Views, scoring his sixth success of the season, four of them here at Cheltenham, jumped best and made all in the Steel Plate and Sections Young Chasers Final.

The seven-year-old has now finished for the season and Gaselee is already thinking in terms of a repeat success in the Cathcart at next year's Festival.

Tebitto, a real money-spinner for Andy Turnell, was scoring his seventh victory of the season when he took the Evesham Conditional Jockeys Novices' Hurdle.

Smith Eccles gets all clear

Steve Smith Eccles was yesterday given the all clear by the Jockey Club to ride in a hurdle race in South Africa on Saturday week.

Smith Eccles, who flies out on Sunday, rides Aced in the £7,000 Nashua Hurdle at Turffontein near Johannesberg.

Llewellyn narrows gap

Point-to-point by Brian Beel

With his win on Karennsu in the Land Rover qualifier at the PPOA meeting at Ashorne on Tuesday, John Llewellyn took his seasonal total to 16, two behind Philip Scholfield, the current leader in the men's title race.

Alison Dare, the present women's title holder, rode her 99th winner, either between the flags or under rules. This was on Allen Lad who will now go on to contest the Audi final at Cheltenham on May 4.

RESULTS: POINT-TO-POINT OWNERS CLUB: Mares: 1, Fette Mirage (L Ley); 2, Kelly's Bridge (S R Andrews); 3, Gibraltar Girl (J Bailey). Members: 1, Compromise (K Hollowell); 2, Lisadorn (M Lucas); 3, Galileo (H Taylor). Open: 1, Karennsu (J Llewellyn); 2, Norton's Coin (T Jones); 3, Fury Manor (G Tarry). Ladies: 1, Allen Lad (Miss A Dare); 2, Novascope (Mrs J Williams); 3, Impudence (Miss J Burn). Best: 1, Ghostbuster (P Harding-Jones); 2, Osman Express (Miss A Dare); 3, Burnswark (H Wheeler). Mdn 4: Around The Clock (G Harmer); 2, Shady Miss (K Stephenson); 3, Hard Toffee (Miss A Langton). Mdn 6: 1, Our Pretender (C Coyne); 2, Ebony's Boy (G Tarry); 3, Pernickety (J Greenall).

TODAY'S MEETING: Tetcott, Crimp, Binn of Bude (first race 5.30).

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RACING

School Concert to step up on her promising Kempton performance

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

In his role as bloodstock adviser to the Cheveley Park Stud, David Minton has already had the satisfaction of seeing Aim For The Top, a filly that he bought in the United States as a yearling, win the Princess Elizabeth Stakes for them at Epsom earlier this week.

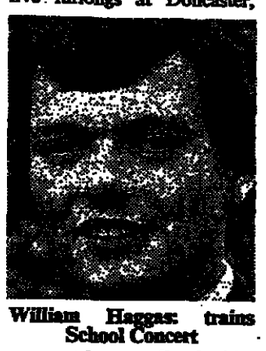
Now the same successful agent is hopeful that School Concert, a filly that the stud bred themselves, can keep up the good work at Pontefract today by winning the Tote Dual Forecast Handicap.

She has a low draw which, granted a fast break, is always favourable on the sprint course at Pontefract. Last season her all-the-way victory over six furlongs at Folkestone provided evidence of her ability to go off in front and stay there.

More recently she was a creditable fourth form a bad draw in the race won by Tyrian Belle at Kempton over Easter. Since then Tyrian Belle has won again at Newbury, while Ela-Yianni-Mou, the third horse home, won at Epsom on Tuesday. So her form has a solid look about it.

There is an additional line through Farewell Song, who finished fifth, which suggests that School Concert should be capable of beating Ian Balding's runner, Red Dame, who finished just half a length behind Farewell Song at Folkestone 10 days ago.

Favourite Girl is said to be very well but has an indifferent draw while Fairfield Lad, who finished third over five furlongs at Doncaster,



William Haggas: trains School Concert

may not be as well suited by six furlongs as School Concert.

Yesterday, School Concert's successful young trainer, William Haggas, in only his second season at Newmarket, said that his filly is very, very well indeed and that they are hopeful of the best.

In the Fryston EBF Stakes 12 months ago, Orban looked in a class of his own and started at 100-30 on. Now, Our Eliaso appears to have a similar advantage over his rivals in the corresponding event on today's card.

Mrs Piggott will also be hoping to win the Went Edge Stakes with Big Chief, who ran so well at Newmarket seven days ago to finish third behind Point House.

However, those hopes may well be dashed by Steve Cauthen on Grand Tier who started favourite for the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot last summer after winning first time out at Doncaster.

At Cheltenham, the talented young Lambourn trainer Simon Christian has a good chance of pulling off a double with Developer's Run and Majestic Buck.

Developer's Run, my selection for the 1788 Handicap Hurdle, is a fresh horse who ran well to finish third behind The Demon Barber and Sunbia at Wetherby last time.

Majestic Buck, who divided Saffron Lord and Kissane at Ascot a fortnight ago, looks poised to go one better in the George III Novices' Handicap Chase.

PLUMPTON

Selections

By Mandarin

2.15 Gingerland. 2.45 Four Sport. 3.15 The Somac. 3.45 Brave Defender. 4.15 Random Traveller. 4.45 Light The Lot.

Going: good

2.15 CROWBOROUGH NOVICES HURDLE (£852.30: 2m) (18 runners)

1 121U HARRISON 17 (B,D,G,S) M Pipe 5-11-8 —
2 2P13 CUCKOO IN THE NEST 17 (B,CD,S) D Elsworth 5-11-2 P Holley (7)
4 0P10 EAGLE MOSS 9 (B,CD,S) A Moore 6-11-2 Candy Moore (4)
9 3400 BOB'S ADVICE 59 D Grissell 5-10-10 R Goldstein
10 00-0 CATS LULLABY 17 S Dow 6-10-10 B Guest
13 0 GINGERLAND 28 N Henderson 5-10-10 M Bowlby
15 200F GOLD SHAFT 41 J Gifford 5-10-10 Peter Hobbs
19 302- MPKNOWES 332 H O'Neill 7-10-10 G McCourt
21 300P RED SINGH 121 (B) C Read 5-10-10 M Perrett
25 P000 TRAVISTOWN 6 B Palling 6-10-10 C Evans
26 0040 VARSITY 5 R Curtis 5-10-10 M Head (7)
28 0-00 ELECTROPET 17 Mrs I McKie 6-10-5 L Harvey
29 0F ERICA CINEREA 27 M Bolton 5-10-5 R Goldstein
31 000 LASTING HOPE 5 Mrs J Pitman 8-10-5 —
32 2-P0 LUCY AURA 55 C Willett 5-10-5 Penny Flitch-Hayes (4)
33 0003 POLLY POTTER 17 Mrs D Haine 6-10-5 D Gallagher (4)
34 P-PP SUMICEL 76 Mrs P Townsley 7-10-5 —
35 P/U WINTER GALA 22 G Enright 8-10-5 M Kinane

BETTING: 5-2 Gingerland, 7-2 Cuckoo In The Nest, 11-2 Harrison, 7-1 Gold Shaft, 8-1 Lasting Hope, 12-1 others.

2.45 PEVENSEY NOVICES CHASE (£1,088: 2m) (14)

2 0100 FOUR SPORT 13 (F,S) J Fitch-Hayes 5-11-3 Penny Flitch-Hayes (4)
4 -334 CENTAUR SONG 37 (F) H O'Neill 8-11-0 G McCourt
5 -0F0 CHURCHES GREEN 23 (G,S) D Grissell 9-11-0 Miss S Belcher (7)
7 P600 EASTER RAMBLER 51 (V,F) P Butler 8-11-0 D Morris
8 00-0 GARDENERS CHOICE 117 (F) D Browning 8-11-0 J Akehurst
9 0-0P GENERAL FROST 188 Mrs J Bloom 7-11-0 Mr N Bloom (7)
10 40P0 JONIX 8 J Gifford 7-11-0 Peter Hobbs
13 4203 POLAR GLEN 18 R Hodges 7-11-0 Lorna Vincent
15 0000 PRIAM LODGE 12 Miss L Bower 7-11-0 R Rowell
17 P0F6 STAMPY 37 J Bridger 7-11-0 M Pinfold
18 0/FP TOP MEMBER 45 J King 8-11-0 B McNeill
19 4P42 UP AT DAWN 18 J Bridger 8-11-0 C Warren
20 PFFP ANNAGH GLOW 9 (B) P Butler 7-10-9 M Pinfold
21 P2/U ESTRALITA 667 (F) R Hodges 10-10-9 —

BETTING: 11-4 Four Sport, 7-2 Polar Glen, 9-2 Jonix, 6-1 Up At Dawn, 15-2 Centaur Song, 10-1 Churches Green, 16-1 others.

3.15 PORTSLADE HANDICAP CHASE (£1,932: 3m 1f) (13)

1 F210 WOODBURGH 180 (F,G,S) J Bosley 10-12-7 M Bosley
5 2124 DR PEPPER 28 (BF,G,S) D Barons 11-10-13 S Earle
6 U000 BUCKS GREEN 9 (C,F,G) J Gifford 10-10-13 Peter Hobbs
10 P/21 ALTE-XPRESS 19 (S) R O'Sullivan 9-10-5 (6ex) Dale McKeown
11 0212 THE SOMAC 9 (C,F,G,S) E Savage 11-10-5 (6ex) R Supple (4)
14 404F STARGAZE 39 (CD,S) R Curtis 8-10-2 R Goldstein
15 FP0P WAY UNDER 46 (CD,F) D Nugent 8-10-0 M Perrett
16 404P CAPTAIN LOWE 7 (CD,F) P Harding 8-10-0 M Pinfold
17 0000 VALMAI 9 (B) R Ledger 9-10-0 Mrs N Ledger
18 60P0 ALEDAN 92 G Ripley 7-10-0 Mr A Kelleway (7)
19 2002 WORDEL 22 Mrs R Murdoch 10-10-0 Penny Flitch-Hayes (4)
20 P0P0 E ZOE MOU 17 P Butler 7-10-0 D Morris
21 -0UP PLAIN JIM 51 P Butler 11-10-0 W Morris

Long handicap: Valmai 9-8, Aledan 9-6, Wordel 9-7, E Zoe mou 8-11, Plain Jim 8-11

BETTING: 3-1 Alte-Express, 4-1 Wordel, 9-2 Dr Pepper, 11-2 The Somac, 8-1 Stargaze, 10-1 Woodburgh, 16-1 others.

3.45 SHEFFIELD PARK NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £685: 2m) (9)

3 4410 WAR CHILD 19 (D,S) A Moore 11-3 Candy Moore (4)
4 2130 BRAVE DEFENDER 9 (D,BF,G) N Henderson 11-2 M Bowlby
6 0001 ROYAL SAGA 17 (S) (CD) W Kemp 11-2 Mr S McKeever (7)
7 1300 RULING DYNASTY 64 (CD,S) R O'Sullivan 11-2 M Kinane
9 100 FLAIR PARK 155 (CD,G) D Thom 10-11 M Brennan
18 0000 NATIVE SMILE 5 D A Wilson 10-10 K Mooney
17 U SEARCH THE WIND 9 C Read 10-10 Dale McKeown
18 FP3P TROJAN SONG 17(B,F) A Turnell 10-10 S Knight
19 0P0 SHIKABELL 55 P J Jones 10-5 —

BETTING: 2-1 Brave Defender, 7-2 Ruling Dynasty, 5-1 Fair Park, 6-1 Trojan Song, 10-1 others.

4.15 BEAVIS WALKER NOVICES CHASE (£1,766.20: 2m 4f) (16)

3 01F0 MR KATS 112 (CD,S) G Enright 8-11-10 M Perrett
6 4P40 MISHRIF 22 (S) A Moore 6-11-1 W Morris
7 0333 KUTATI'S BELLE 17 (F,G) D Barons 7-10-11 S Earle
9 0423 PRECIPICE MOSS 6 (G) Mrs I McKie 8-10-8 L Harvey
10 00F2 RANDOM TRAVELLER 9 (B) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-8 M Pitman
11 F0F0 MAORI WARRIOR 9 (B,F) R O'Sullivan 6-10-6 M Kinane
14 4044 REGAL SANTA 9 (G,S) P Butler 8-10-4 D Morris
14 PF04 THAMES TRADER 19 (S) Mrs L Clay 7-10-4 M Richards
15 4P00 GOLDEN NORMAN 9 (S) B Stevens 10-10-3. R Strange
17 /F00 CORRIB MASTER 121 J King 7-10-1 S McNeill
20 0PP0 RUSTICA SILK 47 (S) J King 7-10-1 —
21 P000 BALTIC CALL 22 Miss N Berry 8-10-1 R Goldstein
22 F0FU DUSKY'S SPIRIT 17 Mrs A Appleyard 9-10-1 P Richards
23 0P04 FIRM FOUNDATIONS 9 (B,F) B McMath 11-10-1 T Woolley (7)
25 0P00 CLOVER SONG 45 Mrs P Townsley 6-10-1 Mr P Townsley
26 000F SOLSTICE BELL 19 (B) R Voorspuy 6-10-1 M Furlong

BETTING: 15-8 Random Traveller, 4-1 Kutati's Belle, 5-1 Precipice Moss, 8-1 Regal Santa, 10-1 others.

4.45 WIVELSFIELD HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,242: 2m 4f) (17)

2 30P3 NONE TOO DEAR 12 (V,G) G Balding 6-11-10. R Guest
3 2010 LIGHT THE LOT 16 (D,F,S) J Jenkins 7-11-9. J Duggan
7 0003 DREAM MERCHANT 126 (C,F,S) R O'Sullivan 6-11-1 M Kinane
8 0P30 MR CARACTACUS 55 (CD,F) G Gracey 7-11-1 D Gallagher (4)
12 0P00 BOLD MONK 13 (D,F,G) D Barons 6-10-9 S Earle
13 00F3 WINDBREAKER 17 (G,S) A Moore 10-10-9 Candy Moore (4)
14 00P0 HOPEFUL MISSION 42 (F,G) H Beasley 9-10-6 M Brown (7)
16 0000 ISLAND PEARL 17 (G) W Kemp 8-10-6 Mr S McKeever (7)
18 0-00 MR WHAT'S-HIS-NAME 17 (C,F) G Enright 5-10-2 M Perrett
20 0FP0 MAJUBA ROAD 41 (B,D,G,S) J Fitch-Hayes 8-10-0 —
22 FP0F SPLENDID FELLOW 17 (G,S) R Akehurst 7-10-0 Dale McKeown
23 4004 HIGH HEAVEN 34 (C,S) Mrs P Townsley 10-10-0 Mr P Townsley
26 0040 TAXIADS 3 (S) R Curtis 5-10-0 R Goldstein
27 -P30 THE ENID 7 (C,S) J Davies 8-10-0 S McCrystal (7)
29 -000 POTTSTOWN 30 (B,S) J Long 7-10-0 C Mann
30 00P0 END OF ERA 17 (CD,F,G,S) J Long 10-10-0 Mr J Poulton
34 P000 FORTOLD 30 (F,S) G Wareham 10-10-0 —

Long handicap: Majuba Road 9-9, Splendid Fellow 9-7, High Heaven 9-7, Taxiads 9-5, The Enid 9-4, Pottstown 9-1, End of Era 8-12, Fortold 8-6

BETTING: 100-30 Light The Lot, 7-2 None Too Dear, 9-2 Dream Merchant, 7-1 Windbreaker, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Mrs J Pitman, 9 winners from 24 runners, 37.5%; N Henderson, 6 from 18, 33.3%; M Pipe, 7 from 23, 30.4%; R Akehurst, 8 from 31, 25.8%; P Jones, 5 from 20, 25.0%; R O'Sullivan, 6 from 25, 24.0%.

JOCKEYS: M Pitman, 7 winners from 18 rides, 38.9%; D Gallagher, 4 from 14, 28.6%; M Kinane, 9 from 42, 21.4%; Peter Hobbs, 6 from 31, 19.4%; Penny Flitch-Heyes, 13 from 75, 17.3%; Dale McKeown, 6 from 35, 17.1%.

Results from yesterday's three meetings

Epsom

Going: soft

2.0 (5f) 1, HOWLING GAEL (R Cochrane, 10-1); 2, Wasimah (Pat Eddery, 5-6 fav); 3, Young Shawer (A Mackay, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 Iron King (6th), 15 Perlcot (4th), 33 Bally Darling (5th). 6 ran. 2l, 5l, 12l, 6l, 20l. G Lewis at Epsom. Tote: £4.40; £2.10, £1.10. DF: £2.90. CSF: £18.04. 1min 01.31sec.

2.35 (1m 110yd) 1, PRINCESS GENISTA (J Reid, 6-1); 2, Ashwat Dancer (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 3, Straight Gold (P Cook, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Hamina (4th), 5 Mille Waters, 6 Farewell Song, 7 Lady Lustre, 12 Bashush, 16 Blackgrey Lady (5th), Lady Of Shalott (6th), 33 Vicarey Melody. 11 ran. 3l, 1½l, sh hd, 2l, 2½l. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. Tote: £5.20; £2.40, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £15.50. CSF: £40.46. Tricast: £329.24. 1min 55.30sec.

3.5 (5f) 1, SAMLEON (G Hills, 16-1); 2, Impala Lass (A Mackay, 10-1); 3, Joe Sugden (K Bradshaw, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Restore (5th), 13-2 Our Freddie, 9 Bluemedia, 11-2 Tachyon Park, 12 Make Or Mar (4th), Pandor Dancer, Pineapple Pride, 14 Royal Bear (6th), 16 Ultra Noxa, 20 Lady Cara 33 Kelly's Royale, Madame Flora. 15 ran. 2l, 3l, 1½l, sh hd, nk. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £23.80; £5.20, £2.60, £2.60. DF: £155.60. CSF: £154.59. Tricast: £1,390.08. 59.31sec.

3.35 (1m 110yd) 1, SHUJA (R Hills, 9-2); 2, St Cedoc (M Hills, 8-1); 3, Mahpour (R Cochrane, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Rawlak (4th), 3 Marsaid (6th), 20 Cruis Ship (5th). 8 ran. Hd, 5l, sh hd, 8l, 15l. H Thomson Jones at Newmarket. Tote: £6.40; £1.90, £3.00. DF: £27.10. CSF: £26.42. 1min 55.08sec.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, EMPIRE BLUE (T Quinn, 9-2); 2, Trust The Irish (S Dawson, 16-1); 3, Million Burn (Pat Eddery, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Summer, 13-2 Johnny Rose, 7 Heart Of Stone, 11 Camille's Girl (5th), 14 Landmark (6th), 16 Lusitas, 20 San Carlos, 33 Talus, Double Dutch (4th), Holleton. 13 ran. 2l, 6l, 1l, 10l, 2l. P Cole at Whitsbury. Tote: £5.20; £2.10, £2.80, £1.90. DF: £62.40. CSF: £66.51. Tricast: £279.96. 2min 48.85sec.

4.45 (7f) 1, RED DOLLAR (P Hagan, 14-1); 2, Golden Maclean (M Roberts, 6-1); 3, Dennemeadd (W R Swinburn, 9-2). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Strike Force (5th), 7 Fetoon, 16 Spellbound, 25 Oriental Charm, 33 Mill De Lessa (4th), 50 Foot Prince, One Heart, Phillipponnat Brut, Spirit Sam, Mrs Meadows (6th), Wendy Jane. 14 ran. NR: Donosa, Sister Chabrias. 2l, 2½l, hd, 3l, 1¾l. B Gubby at Bagshot. Tote: £14.10; £2.20, £1.50, £2.10. DF: £19.60. CSF: £66.21. Tricast: £1,133.66.

Jackpot: won (Pool £14,609.58 carried forward to Sandown Park on Friday)

Placepot: £361.30

Cheltenham

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, WESTERN DANDY (A Adams, 33-1); 2, Tuns Hill (M Jones, 20-1); 3, The Bakewell Boy (J Frost, 11-1); 4, She's N The Gin (R Rowe, 6-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 7 Ryde Again, 12 Great Destiny, Heyfleet, 14 Serious Man, 16 I'll Do The Jokes, 20 Chatanoogachoochoo, Epitrot, Another Coral, Redgrave Devil (6th), Double Calibre, Shoon Wind, High River, 33 Privateperformance, 40 Monumental Lad, 100 Breanemore, Courtbrook. 24 ran. NR: Shy Hiker. 5l, 1½l, ¾l, 1l, 25l. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £91.80; £17.20, £3.80, £3.00, £1.70. DF: £8.80 Winner or second with any other horse. CSF: £514.59. Tricast: £6,779.52.

2.50 (3m 2f ch) 1, TEN OF SPADES (P Scudamore, 11-8 fav); 2, Woodside Road (C Llewellyn, 20-1); 3, West Tip (R Dunwoody, 11-2). ALSO RAN: 2 Fair Chad (4th), 9 Late Night Extra (pu). 5 ran. 12l, 8l, dist. Mrs M Rimell at Kinnersley. Tote: £2.20; £1.30, £3.00. CSF: £17.22.

3.25 (2m 4f ch) 1, BEAU RANGER (P Scudamore, 11-10 fav); 2, Chief Ironside (R Rowe, 16-1); 3, Blakeny Yarn (R Guest, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Very Promising (4th), 13-2 Oregon Trial (5th). 5 ran. NR: Garfunkel. 1½l, 20l, ¾l, 10l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.30; £1.40, £2.90. DF: £10.10. CSF: £13.48.

4.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, PRIVATE VIEWS (K Mooney, 8-13 fav); Michel Seely's nap; 2, Highway Express (S Earle, 16-1); 3, Grey Tornado (R Boucher, 100-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Missing Man (5th), 9 Problem Child (ur), 16 Solar Cloud (4th). 6 ran. NR: Hell Brother. 2½l, 15l, 3l, 20l. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £1.80; £1.30, £2.60. DF: £6.40. CSF: £9.09.

4.35 (2m hdle) 1, TEBITTO (L Lawrence, 5-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Useful Addition (W Hayes, 20-1); 3, Dissy Walsh (D Tegg, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Auction Fever (4th), 8 The Humble Tiller, Mellcho (6th), 16 Grillos Hills (5th), 20 Fu's Lady, 25 Crown Green, Stag Dinner, 33 Firmitar, Master Thames (pu), Sharest, 50 Court Appeal, Dualling, Elite Boy, Frampton House, Gee Up, Luigi's Star (pu), Royal Effity (ur), Smokey's Secret, Vanishing Boy (f), Barvadel. 23 ran. NR: Shy Hiker, Tuns Hill. ½l, nk, 7l, nk, 2½l. A Turnell at East Hendred. Tote: £2.30; £1.70, £5.40, £3.80. DF: £26.40. CSF: £27.54. Following a stewards inquiry and an objection, the result stands.

5.10 (3m hdle) 1, ENVOPAK TOKEN (R Rowe, 6-1); 2, Lake Valentine (O Grant, 9-1); 3, Stream Bridge (S Sherwood, 3-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Carnival Air, 7 Snowfire Chap, 10 Ruby Flight (4th), 11 The Shiner (5th), 12 Emo Forever, 50 Handymouse (6th). 9 ran. 2½l, 3l, 6l, 4l, 7l. J Gifford at Findon. Tote: £6.00; £1.30, £3.10, £1.50. DF: £58.40. CSF: £51.07. Tricast: £173.27.

Placepot: £32.20.

Pontefract

Going: good

2.35 (5f) 1, BOLLIN ZOLA (M Birch, 12-1); 2, Lovely Ears (T Ives, 9-2); 3, Sylow (K Hodgson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Blue Money, 5 Nordic Brave (4th), 11-2 Carry On Gary (6th), Generosity Gem, 7 Crowthers (5th). 8 ran. 3l, ½l, 7l, 1¾l, 6l. M H Easterby at Great Habton. Tote: £26.10; £3.70, £1.30, £7.10. DF: £44.20. CSF: £82.17.

3.5 (6f) 1, BREAKFAST IN BED (N Day, 9-1); 2, Scotch Imp (S Webster 9-2 fav); 3, Petit Velero (W Ryan, 10-1); 4, Crown Justice (S Cauthen, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Rob de Ville (5th), 7 Trade High (6th), 8 Ainashma, 9 Stephen's Song, 14 Shanoudka, Saint Navarro, 16 Mr Berkeley, Must Be Magic, Shy Mistress, Viva Ronda, 20 Tufty Lady, Gothic Ford, Knocksherry, Romeges Day. 15 ran. 2l, 1l, 10l, ½l, 3l. W Haigh at Malton. Tote: £12.20; £2.40, £1.70, £2.70, £2.10. DF: £28.10. CSF: £54.39. Tricast: £400.91. Bought in 2,200gns.

3.45 (1m 2f) 1, GRIMESGILL (G Starkey, 7-2); 2, Mocubbin (S Cauthen, 5-2); 3, Charlino (G Carter, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Domus (4th), 20 Golden Isle (6th), 40 Baklyr (5th), 66 Nickel Silver. 7 ran. ½l, 12l, 15l, 1½l, hd. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £4.70; £1.70, £1.90. DF: £4.20. CSF: £11.97.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, CHECKPOINT (S Cauthen, 11-2); 2, Golden Fancy (D Nicholls, 12-1); 3, Go West (Paul Eddery, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5 fav Christmas Holly (5th), 11-2 Lismen, 15-2 Mansio, 9 ABC Superstar, 12 Prince Zamaro, 14 Navos, 16 Artalus Star, Ivorosti, Our Hero, 20 Queens Man (4th), Wisconsin, 33 Hawaiian Heir (6th). 15 ran. 5l, nk, 2½l, ¾l, ¾l. C Brittain at Newmarket. Tote: £4.80; £1.80, £5.80, £2.10. DF: £42.70. CSF: £89.77. Tricast: £444.57.

4.45 (5f) 1, CADEAUX GENEREUX (Paul Eddery, 7-2); 2, Chaume (W Ryan, 7-1); 3, Waltingformargaret (T Ives, 8-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Acapulco (4th), 6 Love Ballad (5th), 14 Golden Chariot (5th), 20 Twilight Falls, 50 Lady Hunter. 8 ran. 4l, 6l, nk, 6l, hd. C Dooley at Newmarket. Tote: £3.90; £1.30, £2.00, £1.10. DF: £11.50. CSF: £27.85.

5.15 (1m) 1, YOUNG JASON (S Perks, 12-1); 2, Golden Beau (Dale Gibson, 11-1); 3, Plaque O' Rafa (T Ives, 25-1); 4, Laven Lass (J Carr, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Aconitum, 8 Funny Sarah, Wasmi, 9 Tom Run, 10 Tom Forrester, 14 Glory Gold, 16 Joint Services, Moores Metal, Repealed, Telmachus, 16 Raffle Run, 20 Four Laffs (5th), Rolleson, 25 Turtur Nil, Piplola, Teejay (6th). 22 ran. ½l, ¾l, 2l, nk, sh hd. F H Lee at Wilmslow. Tote: £17.70; £3.40, £2.40, £6.30, £15.50. DF: £63.10. CSF: £150.23. Tricast: £3009.98.

Placepot: Not available.

Blinkered first time

PONTEFRACT: 3.20 Royal Magician.

● Sir John Sparrow is to succeed *Christopher Collins as chairman* of the National Stud. Sir John, former head of the Central Policy Review Staff and director of Morgan Grenfell, chaired the Levy Board's inquiry into the future of the stud in 1985. Collins, who has been chairman of the stud for two years, says he is leaving to give more time to other commitments.

CHELTENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

2.00 Developer's Run.
2.35 Another Schedule.
3.10 Meikleour.
3.45 Three Counties.
4.20 Sea Island.
4.55 Majestic Buck.
5.30 The Merry Gambler.
6.00 Triple Assault.

Michael Seely's selection: 3.45 THREE COUNTIES (nap).
Brian Beel's selection: 3.45 Three Counties.

Going: good to firm

2.0 1788 HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,943: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1 042200 MOLOJEC 8 (D,G,S) (Mrs R Vaughan) N Henderson 7-11-11 S Smith Eccles 95
3 331100 HILL-STREET-BLUES 36 (D,F,S) (L Marsh) J Fox 10-11-6 D Tegg (7) 97
5 0-P20P0 WELGENCO 14 (F,G,S) (A Birchall) S Mellor 6-11-4 G Landau 88
6 003120 LITTLE TORO 8 (S) (J Bishop) G Balding 6-11-3 A Charlton 93
7 132304 FINGEST 8 (B,D,G,S) (R Ashford) Miss A King 5-11-2 A Webb 96
10 3111PP EL GALILEO 38 (D,G,S) (J South) O Sherwood 6-10-13 S Sherwood 95
11 0/31-0F3 DEVELOPER'S RUN 16 (S) (L Wilson) S Christian 9-10-13 R Beggan 91
13 0F-0122/ PADDY'S DREAM 888 (G) (Mrs F Walwyn) S Christian 8-10-12 A Mulholland (7) —
15 033F00 ANIECE 35 (D,F,G) (P Bewdick) Mrs G Jones 10-10-11 C Smith 94
17 PP0000 BEL COURSE 12 (F,G,S) (J Marston) Mrs M Rimell 8-10-8 A Sharpe 93
20 14-0P4P LA GRANDE DAME 24 (B,D,S) (T Gower) M Pipe 5-10-5 P Scudamore 89
22 1030P3 MALADICTION 48 (D,S) (Mrs D Gelt) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-2 R Dunwoody ● 98
23 P20P00 WELL COVERED 37 (D,F,G) (G Hamilton) R Hollinshead 7-10-1 P Dever —
25 P02100 SHALLOW WALK 19 (F,S) (Miss J Milward) P Felgate 7-10-0 T Wooley (7) 94
26 003000 SLIP UP 178 (CD,F) (F Gray) F Gray 8-10-0 P Corrigan —
27 F00000 STKIT'S BROTHER 57 (D,G,S) (Ms A Alhamrani) Miss E Sneyd 10-10-0 B Powell —

Length handicap: Shallow Walk 9-11, Slip Up 9-9, Stkit's Brother 9-8.

BETTING: 6-1 Little Toro, 7-1 Hill Street Blues, 8-1 El Galileo, La Grande Dame, Maladiction, 10-1 Developer's Run, Molojec, Welgenco, 14-1 Fingest, Shallow Walk, Well Covered, 16-1 others.

1987: TENZING 7-10-3 S Sherwood (5-2 fav) O Sherwood 8 ran

FORM MOLOJEC (10-11) best effort when a short head 2nd to Admirals All (10-1) here (2m 4f, £3939, good, Dec 12, 10 ran) with ANIECE (10-0) 8l 3rd.

HILL-STREET-BLUES disappointing since (11-5) beating Fred The Tread (10-0) 10l at Sandown (2m 5f, 75yd, £3128, good to soft, Feb 19, 16 ran).

LITTLE TORO (11-5) on penultimate start 2l 2nd to Nicol John (10-7) after being hampered run-in at Plumpton (2m 4f, £3292, soft, Mar 15, 13 ran).

FINGEST (10-7) best recent effort a length 2nd to Marsh King (10-10) at Newbury (2m 4f 120yd, £3074, heavy, Feb 12, 21 ran) with STICKITS BROTHER (10-0) 8th and ANIECE (10-8) well behind.

DEVELOPER'S RUN (10-10) 11l 3rd to The Demon Barber (10-12) at Wetherby (2m 4f, £3984, good to soft, Apr 5, 11 ran).

MALADICTION (10-10) 11½l 3rd to Folk Dance (11-1) at Haydock (2m 4f, £2100, good to soft, Mar 4, 14 ran) with WELL COVERED (10-12) out of the first ten.

Selection: MALADICTION

2.35 BICENTENARY NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,547: 2m 4f) (25 runners)

2 31P4F JOHNSTONS GLORY 37 (S) (P Hopkins) J Gifford 8-11-10 R Rowe 89
3 202141 SHAH'S CHOICE 8 (F,S) (A Skidmore) C Popham 5-11-9 (5ex) B Powell 92
4 002222 BLASKET RUN 17 (V,D,S) (R Yates) R Lee 5-11-7 B Dowling 91
6 010 NO ONE TO BLAME 47 (S) (Furlong Bros(Construction)Ltd) N Henderson 6-11-7 J White 96
8 0-11F00 COME ALONE 12 (D,S) (G Phillips) A J Wilson 7-11-2 A Webb 92
9 2431 ROSCOE HARVEY 13 (G) (C Brooks) F Winter 6-11-2 (5ex) V Kennedy (4) 84
13 00-010 SNEAKAPENNY 17 (S) (Mrs E Courage) M Wilkinson 6-11-0 C Llewellyn 88
14 212100 TARTAN TRADEMARK 47 (G,S) (Edinburgh Woollen Mill Ltd) G Richards 6-11-0 P Tack 91
16 304201 FRED THE TREAD 8 (B,F) (G Greenwood) T Casey 6-10-13 (6ex) R Beggan 96
18 B0232 YIRAGAN 16 (M Marsh) D Barons 6-10-12 P Nicholls 87
21 030102 DROWSY 17 (B,D,S) (R Clark) O Sherwood 6-10-11 A Smith (7) 86
25 31F000 THE LEGGETT 13 (S) (Mrs G Malone) P Hobbs 5-10-10 S Smith Eccles 79
26 000110 SMITHY BEAR 15 (B,BF,S) (Mrs J John) R Dickin 6-10-9 W Humphreys (4) 88
27 3-021F4 ANOTHER SCHEDULE 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Black) F Winter 7-10-7 P Scudamore ● 98
29 0-43100 LAST HOUSE 15 (G) (Mrs M Eason) Mrs M Eason 8-10-5 R Arnott 87
32 1F0033 DANNY'S LUCK 9 (G) (P Holden) D Barons 6-10-3 P Nicholls 88
33 0000 FAREWELL TO ALMS 17 (J Crisp) S Christian 6-10-2 A Mulholland (7) 80
39 00/0044 MISTER HAMMY 8 (C Bravery) C Bravery 8-10-0 H Davies 92
40 000-000 REDMARLEY 48 (G) (E Weinstein) G Balding 6-10-0 C Cox 75
41 UP0001 CHASE THE LINE 17 (D,F) (D Hornby) D Nicholson 5-10-0 (6ex) R Dunwoody 91
45 044 KNOCKANANNA 42 (BF) (R Healy-Fenton) P Hobbs 5-10-0 G Landau 85
47 00P0P4 CLUGA GURM 13 (G) (D Coombs) A Barrow 7-10-0 M Williams 87
48 0F-3020 NOT ARCADIAN 54 (R Fry) J Old 7-10-0 Mr T Grantham 90
49 40P4 KHATTAF 26F (W Sturt) J Old 4-10-0 NON-RUNNER —
51 0-00040 RING OF SECRETS 7 (M Evans) T M Jones 6-10-0 C Llewellyn 83

Long handicap: Mister Hammy 9-12, Redmarley 9-12, Chase The Line 9-12, Knockananna 9-9, Cluga Gurm 9-8, Not Arcadian 9-7, Khattaf 9-4, Ring Of Secrets 9-3.

BETTING: 4-1 Another Schedule, 6-1 Johnstons Glory, 7-1 Fred The Tread, 9-1 Blasket Run, 12-1 Chase The Line, No One To Blame, Shah's Choice, Tartan Trademark, 14-1 Roscoe Harvey, 16-1 others.

1987: NEW GOLD DREAM 6-10-8 R Dunwoody (10-1) D Nicholson 12 ran

FORM BLASKET RUN (11-12) 8l 2nd to Sea Island (11-1) at Chepstow last time (2m, £1485, good to soft, April 4, 12 ran) with SNEAKAPENNY (11-9) 28½l away in 8th.

TARTAN TRADEMARK (11-4) best effort an 8l victory from Chart Finder (10-12) at Doncaster (3m, £845, good, Dec 11, 18 ran).

FRED THE TREAD (10-3) beat Zuko (10-11) 1l at Ascot (2m, £4208, good to firm April 13, 11 ran).

DROWSY (11-11) best effort last time 3l 2nd to Forest Ranger (11-2) at Uttoxeter (3m, £1082, good to soft, April 4, 9 ran).

ANOTHER SCHEDULE (11-2) 9l 4th to Prime Oats (11-2) at Ascot (2m 4f, £3414, good, 6 April, 17 ran) with LAST HOUSE (10-11) 9½l away in 6th.

DANNY'S LUCK BOY (11-2) 11l 3rd to Bekdale Star (12-0) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £934, 3rm, April 12, 18 ran).

CHASE THE LINE (11-1) beat Sunday For Monday (10-8) 2l at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £1501, good to firm, April 4, 22 ran).

Selection: ANOTHER SCHEDULE

3.10 HOLMAN CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£4,456: 2m) (8 runners)

1 F41411 BALUCHI 8 (D,F,G,S) (D Squire) B Preece 7-11-13 (5ex) P Scudamore 90
3 1F2220 CLAY HILL 12 (D,F,S) (G Hubbard) J Gifford 9-11-10 R Rowe 96
4 022121 MEIKLEOUR 17 (D,G,S) (Mrs A Leggat) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-11-10 (5ex) M Dwyer 96
5 230020 MUSIC BE MAGIC 8 (B,CD,F,S) (N Mason Ltd) G Richards 9-11-2 P Tack ● 99
6 2USF41 DOUBLETON 17 (B,D,F,G,S) (A Ford) D Barons 7-11-2 P Nicholls 97
7 1111230 YANGTSE-KIANG 5 (D,F,G) (Miss D Hill) J Bradley 8-10-12 G Davies 90
8 10-314P STARJESTIC 14 (CD,F,G,S) (M Mitchell) N Bradley 10-10-4 C Llewellyn 95
9 023300 PETER ANTHONY 5 (CD,F,G,S) (R Hickman) R Hickman 10-10-1 P Warner 97

BETTING: 3-1 Baluchi, 7-2 Meikleour, 9-2 Music be Magic, 13-2 Starjestic, 8-1 Clay Hill, Yangtse-Kiang, 12-1 Doubleton, 16-1 Peter Anthony.

1987: ROMANY NIGHTSHADE 11-10-9 H Davies (9-2) P Hobbs 6 ran

FORM BALUCHI (12-5) beat Tactico (10-1) 3l at Perth (2m, £1222, good, Apr 13, 6 ran) with MUSIC BE MAGIC (12-8) a well beaten 5th.

CLAY HILL (10-7) 11½ 5th to Prideaux Boy (10-7) at Liverpool (2m, £17510, soft, Apr 9, 13 ran).

MEIKLEOUR (10-10) beat MUSIC BE MAGIC (10-7) 2l at Wetherby (2m 50yd, £3835, good to soft, Apr 4, 6 ran).

DOUBLETON (11-10) beat Broad Beam (11-2) 12l at Chepstow (2m, £2288, good to soft, Apr 4, 4 ran).

YANGTSE KIANG (11-10) best effort a 2½l 3rd to Skylander (11-0) at Chepstow (2m, £2410, good to firm, Oct 3, 5 ran).

STARJESTIC (10-13) best effort when beating Trafalgar Blue (10-10) a length at Wetherby (2m 50yd, £3002, good, Mar 2, 9 ran) with MUSIC BE MAGIC (11-13) 7th.

MUSIC BE MAGIC (10-12) earlier beat Summons (11-10) 2½l here (2m 4f, £4835, good to soft, Oct 21, 7 ran).

Selection: M

GOLF

Smiling Ballesteros composes himself for a return to form

From John Hennessy, Madrid

You would think, to see Severiano Ballesteros yesterday, that he had not a care in the world. He had just completed a round of 65, seven under par, in the pro-am introduction to the Cepsa Madrid Open and was all smiles under a beaming sun.

But if his game appears to be in good order, what of his morale, after the depressing experience of missing the 36-hold cut at Cannes last week? Golf is very much a game of the mind, too, and only the next four days will show whether or not he has suffered serious damage.

He has at least satisfied himself that there were mitigating circumstances. He said yesterday that, after the Masters at Augusta, he had been drained, but the horrors of international travel had then confined him to airports for nine hours. "I was too tired, not ready for another tournament so soon. Anyway, anyone can play badly for one week."

His rapid departure from the Cannes Open at least gave him the chance of prolonged practice. "I had to compose the whole thing," he says. Yesterday's play suggests that he may have found the right formula, though judgement must be reserved until a more serious challenge confronts him today.

Puerta de Hierro is a happy hunting ground for Ballesteros, with victories in 1980 and 1982, with, more recently, third place in 1987 and second in 1986. Not that a man with his degree of pride is ever satisfied with anything less than first.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	192	3	10	420	4
2	566	5	11	218	3
3	421	4	12	457	4
4	409	4	13	307	4
5	527	5	14	468	4
6	178	3	15	499	5
7	383	4	16	390	4
8	298	4	17	174	3
9	432	4	18	601	5
Out	3,406	36	In	3,532	36
Total yardage: 6,938					Par: 72

That position last year went to Ian Woosnam, whose absence this week has caused resentment. He has secured his release from the PGA European Tour in order to play in the Houston Open next week, but that would not have prevented him from observing the etiquette of defending a title here this week.

What has kept him away from Madrid is an event of purely financial, even mercenary, attraction at Phoenix, Arizona, a one-day "skins" tournament for the benefit of television involving Greg Norman, Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino.

Woosnam would not have been able to play here on Sunday and at Phoenix the following day. In opting for the "skins" tournament, in which lucrative prize-money is awarded for each hole, he is not in breach of any rules of the European tour, since it is not regarded as an official event and one therefore requiring a release from Europe.

Woosnam's popularity would ordinarily be enough to ward off any criticism, but it does seem, from his performances so far this year, that he is being diverted from his true purpose in order to capitalize on his prodigious deeds of 1987.

The course was lashed by rain last week, which should place a premium on length. That should be to the advantage of Howard Clark, of Yorkshire, who has a good record here. Rodger Davis, of Australia, and Mark McNulty, of Zimbabwe, last week's winner in Cannes, may well complete a significant cosmopolitan threat to Ballesteros.

FISHING

Putting the wet-dry fly to the test

By Conrad Voss Bark

The best of the fishing on the chalk streams should be approaching, though in the early part of the season, when the water is still cold and the nymphs are pretty well down with their overcoats on, not feeling at all like splitting themselves into a fly, the day can be hard going.

A man who had something to say about encouraging fish at such a time to take the surface fly was John Waller Hills, who died exactly 50 years ago. He was an MP, at one time a junior minister, but I think his interest in politics was slight and his interest in fishing was intense.

I believe he was a member of the Houghton Club, certainly he fished the Test above and below Stockbridge for many years, and wrote evocatively about it in several books, most of which are out of print, though a reprint of his *A Summer on the Test* may still be around.

There are times, which we all know, when natural flies are a bit scarce on the water. Halford would have sat on a seat and waited for a rise and then would fish the true dry fly. Not so Waller Hills. He had only the weekend free.

He would find a fish in sight somewhere and put a dry fly over it to see what happened. It would be ignored. Either the fish was asleep or taking nymph and did not want to know. So Hills would bring out his secret weapon, the Orange Partridge.

The partridge, of course, is what we have always called a wet fly and has its origin in the Dales, where it is fished on a cast of three upstream in the classic northern style. For Waller Hills, what was good enough for Yorkshire was good enough for the Test.

So he would fish the Orange Partridge as a dry fly but not quite as a dry fly. It was fished in the surface film, where it suggested either a spinner or an emerger. It was not in any way a wet fly and yet on the other hand it was not dry because it was not cocked or riding on its hackles.

It was a betwixt-and-between fly which Horace Brown of the Piscatorials described in the classic phrase as a fly that was slightly damp. It brought up trout for Waller Hills, which were distinctly dour and would not take the traditional dry fly.

At the top of the heap

Good sports: Winner of the Tour de France, professional cyclist, Stephen Roche, of Ireland, and Steffi Graf, the West German world No. 2 tennis player, posing after being chosen European sports personalities of 1987 by the European Sports Press Association

VOLLEYBALL

Championship likely to take on new shape

By Roddy Mackenzie

With the West European men's and women's championships starting in Gothenburg and Athens respectively this Sunday, the future format of the event could be called into question with the EEC Games likely to go ahead next year.

The stronger nations in Western Europe have outgrown the championships within the last 10 years and France and West Germany have sent second or even third string teams to the event in the past.

Whether such nations would continue to support the championships if an EEC Games were added to an already full international programme would be in some doubt, and there would be the added complication for Great Britain of entering a team, selected from England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales, in the proposed tournament. All four presently have individual teams.

With England's senior men not travelling to Gothenburg, the focus will be on the women's team, which faces Portugal, France and Cyprus in its opening group.

Meanwhile, Nick Moody, coach to Scotland's senior men's team, was not too despondent after his side's fifth placing in the Six Nations Cup in Luxembourg at the weekend. Scotland's only win was against the French Juniors (6-15, 15-5, 15-8, 15-7).

Scotland had not played together for 10 months before the tournament whereas even lowly Luxembourg, who beat Scotland, 15-5, 4-15, 7-15, 15-7, 15-11, had played 10 internationals since last year's event. Scotland's other match, against Israel Juniors, ended in a 10-15, 15-5, 12-15, 13-15 defeat.

ROWING

British squad relaxes at Italian regatta

After a tough and intensive training camp, a British squad of 38 oarsmen and 18 oarswomen will compete in 21 events in the Piedluco Memorial Paolo d'Aloja international regatta in Italy this weekend, though mainly in events other than their speciality (Jim Railton writes).

Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes, Britain's principal Olympic medal hopes, have opted out, and so have the men's coxed four, though Redgrave's wife, Ann, competes in the single sculls.

An unusual combination will be Gavin Stewart, of Oxford University, the heaviest and tallest man to row in the Boat Race, in a coxless pair with Jim Garman, this year's president of Cambridge University Boat Club.

Piedluco is such a popular training centre that 27 nations could take part on the same "fun" basis as Great Britain.

Physical education under review

School study finds cause for concern in new curriculum

By John Goodbody

The Government inquiry into sport in state schools will report the authors' anxiety that the new national curriculum will restrict the amount of physical education in teaching time.

The survey, which has been carried out by a forum led by the Sports Council, is to be published next month and expresses the worry that the five per cent minimum teaching time devoted to physical education in the national curriculum may become the maximum in some schools.

The report, which was commissioned in 1986 by the Department of the Environment and the Department of Education and Science following the controversy about the decline of team sports in schools, will be an embarrassment to the Government as the Education Bill goes through Parliament.

In the bill there are 10 subjects, including physical education, which have to be taught between the ages of five and 16. This is expected to make up about 70 per cent in most schools' curricula.

I also understand that the Sports Council report proposes a radical new structuring of teaching sport and physical education, which will need the redirecting of resources into fresh areas by local authorities.

The forum, which includes representatives from the Central Council of Physical Recreation, local authority associations, coaching and education bodies, particularly recommends the need for closer links between school and community.

Local authorities should have a number of qualified specialists, who would teach both in a number of schools and clubs in particular regions. This would assist the identification of talent, allow greater use of resources and facilitate children joining clubs while still at school.

This plan to improve the identification and nurturing of ability will certainly please Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport. His recent trip to East Germany showed him that its sporting success owed less to superb facilities and more to the development of young talent.

Although this proposal of the forum lacks the intensity of the East German system — and many people will be thankful for this — it has much to commend it in a modified form. The policy has already been tried in a few sports and a few areas of Britain. For example, Wolverhampton's three world judo championships medal winners, Elvis Gordon, Dennis White and Kerrith Brown, have come from just such a system with their coach "Mac" Abbott linking schools and clubs.

The report stresses the importance of the link between schools and local clubs and suggests that the youth service could also play a vital role in this system outside regulation school hours. The emphasis will thus be not so much on school sport as school-age sport.

In primary schools, the report recommends specialist teachers who can give pupils a good grounding in skills like athletics, gymnastics, tumbling and "movement education". There should therefore be a generalist round physical training rather than having enthusiastic teachers organize games like rounders and tennis.

The forum's report follows the desk study, also commissioned by the Government, which was written by Elizabeth Murdoch, a distinguished educationalist and head of the Chelsea School of Human Movement. This has found "no evidence" of any philosophy that is against competition in physical education despite widespread allegations to the contrary.

She accepted there had been a decline in the formal programme on inter-school representative matches. However, she pointed out the confusion and misinterpretation between this decline and competition as an integral part of many physical activities in which, she said, there has been no change.

She said: "The proposing of any direct, careful relationship between any of these factors and competition is to distort the situation. What is clear is that there is not a new and emerging philosophy within physical education that is anti-competition."

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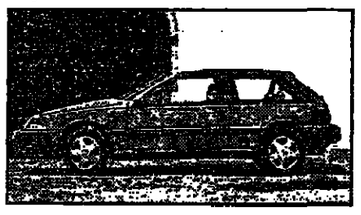

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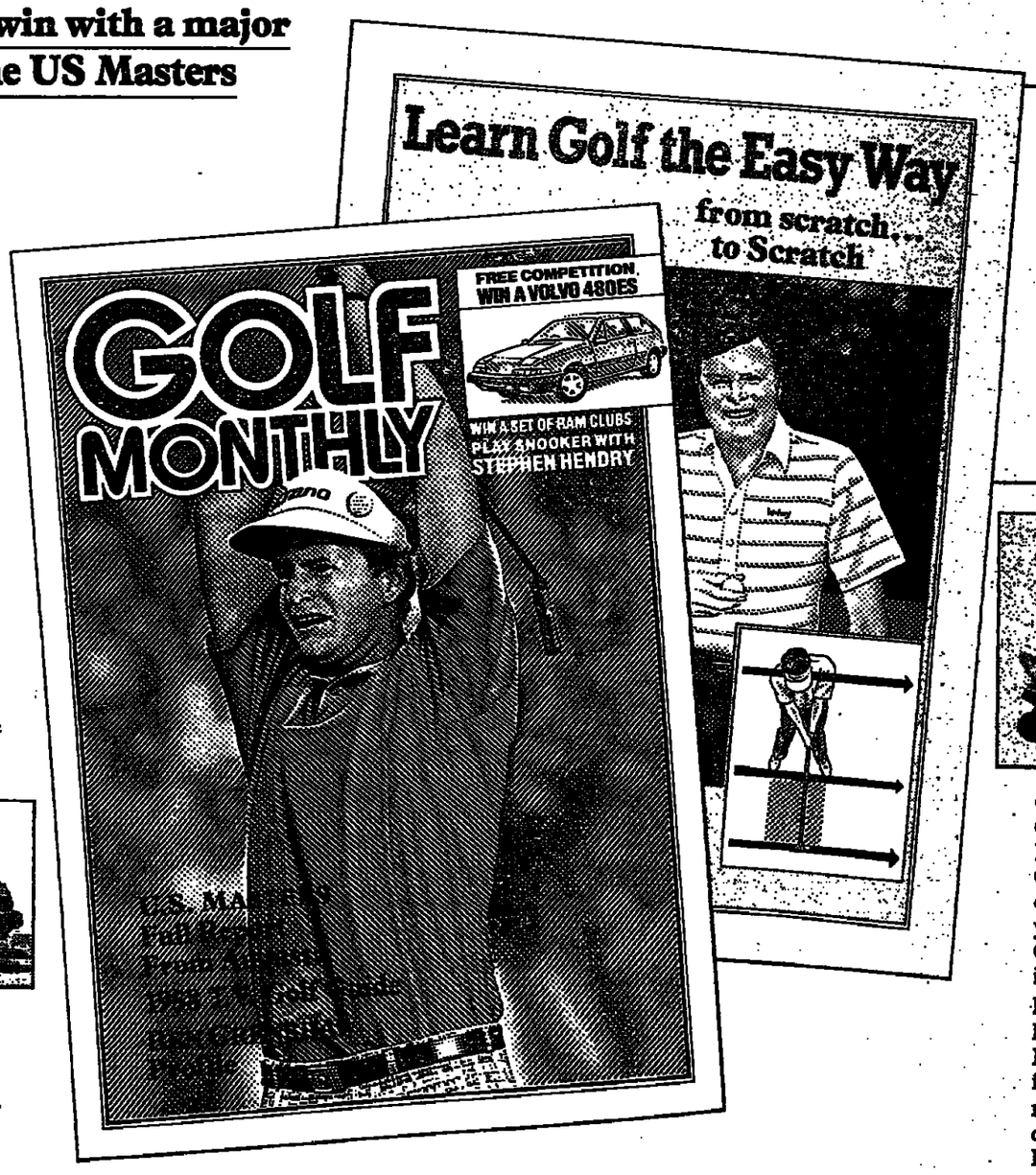

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FOOTBALL: ASTON VILLA MANAGER BACK IN THE SPOTLIGHT AS HIS TEAM STRUGGLES FOR PROMOTION FORM

Home truths haunt Taylor as play-off hopes begin to fade

By Dennis Shaw

This weekend Graham Taylor begins what may be the most demanding period of his managerial career as he attempts to resurrect Aston Villa's promotion prospects.

The home game against Shrewsbury Town on Saturday, followed by Bradford City at Villa Park, and then Swindon away, provide a club that once seemed champion-elect with a decreasing chance of making the play-offs.

Millwall's midweek victory has widened the gap at the top just when Villa's form is at its most vulnerable.

The prospect of two home games out of three would be reassuring to other managers but in Taylor's case they could prove an embarrassment. Villa have amassed almost double the amount of points away from home as they have at Villa Park where they have lost their last three games, at the most crucial stage of the season, to Leeds, Stoke and Oldham.

The situation has thrown into the limelight the former Watford manager's individual style of direct football, which some regard as automatically more effective on opponents' grounds where there is more space behind defences.

Taylor, however, insists that in the remaining games and, possibly, in the play-offs, Villa's pattern will remain the same.

"We have attempted to play the same style, home and away, throughout the season," he said. "Nothing will be changed. The difference between our home results and those away from home remains a mystery. I always said that we would gradually change the trend because nobody goes all through winning more games away, but we seem to be doing so.

"There was once talk of a home jinx, but we went for a spell in mid-season when our results at Villa Park were very good."

Taylor, the theorist, has a personal view of why his players lose their touch at home. "This ground has been developed as a semi-final arena and it is marvellous for that purpose," he explained. "But even when we have a good League gate of 20,000 Villa Park is still half-empty and can seem very cold and lacking in atmosphere.

"When we take our large contingent to other grounds we often virtually fill them, and with increased home support and this produces a far more favourable atmosphere."

Taylor believes there is another side to this particular argument. "When smaller clubs come here to this fine, big stadium, it often gives them a lift, in contrast to our own team, who find it lacking in atmosphere." Taylor also believes that even the huge dressing-rooms are too large.

"During the close season I shall be looking at ways of reducing the dressing-room area and also of making the whole operation here feel closer knit," he said.

Winging his way into cup favour: Kingsley Black, a new talent with an old-fashioned touch

Newport forced to face grim reality

By Nicholas Harling

Barring the type of miracle that would be asking a lot of Roy of the Rovers, Newport County will be playing their football outside the Barclays League next season. If they are playing at all.

Not only is the future of the fourth division's bottom club as bleak as some of the surrounding South Wales landscape, but it is so vague that no one seems to have the slightest idea of whether the club will survive, and if it does, of what league it will compete in next season.

Talk is of "various interested parties" being lined up to inject the cash which the club so urgently needs to pay its debts, but those parties have only so long to show the colour of their money if Newport are to continue in the Abacus Welsh League or the GM Vauxhall Conference, which does at least offer an automatic chance of immediate promotion.

With no thriving social club, Newport cannot hope to survive on their lottery and lifeline schemes to supplement already poor gates, which are certain to dwindle further.

It was not until the homeward journey from Torquay in the early hours of yesterday that the club resigned itself to the fate that had seemed inevitable long ago. Mathematically, salvation is still possible. Torquay United's 6-1 victory left Newport needing to win their five remaining games and make up a 28-goal difference on Carlisle, who would also have to lose five remaining games.

Not even a team of hardened Welsh professionals would be expected to achieve that. With a squad including five youngsters from the Youth Training Scheme and only one, Steve Tupling, over the age of 20, Newport have belatedly come to terms with reality.

"Many people thought we threw in the towel too early," David Williams, the club's 22nd manager since the war, said as the coach sped back towards the Severn Bridge,fish and chips long since digested. "But the club had to survive. That's why they sold their players. Maybe they should have gambled by not selling them."

Like so many struggling outfits, Newport can point to an impressive list of players they have let go. Among those who have departed from Somerton Park over recent years, are: Aldridge (Liverpool), Tynan (Plymouth), Lowndes (Barnsley), Aizlewood (Leeds), Jones (Reading), Kendall (Wolverhampton Wanderers), Vaughan (Cardiff City), Elsey (Gillingham), Oakes (Fulham), Freestone (Chelsea), Cooper (Plymouth) and Pulis (Bournemouth).

The difference, as Williams pointed out, was that Newport, unlike most of their rivals, rarely brought in the odd seasoned professional to help out. The irony was that the one they did have, Gibbins, was allowed to go . . . to Torquay, who benefited with a goal from him on Tuesday.

Williams, who played more than 350 games for Newport, for whom he has since served as assistant manager, coach and physiotherapist, recalled the patience he had to exercise in his early days as a player. "In my day a youngster would get maybe six or seven games in his first two years. That was right. Now we have six or seven making their debuts at 16 or 17 and staying in.

"That's why we are where we are." Or, as Bill Lucas, Newport's former luminary, who has been invited along to the last few matches, put it: "Experience is the greatest teacher to them that knows it all." Lucas, according to Williams, could afford a signing of decent calibre every 18 months during his three spells in charge. None of which is intended to detract from the endeavours of those youngsters, who established an early control at Plainmoor, only to be exposed, as they have been so often in recent months, by their lack of stamina.

"You couldn't fault them for lack of effort or spirit," Williams observed. "But they've experienced in nine months what other players don't achieve in a lifetime. It will fetch the character out of them."

Selection worries for Coyle

By George Ace

Roy Coyle, the Linfield manager, was a disappointed man after watching his team bow out at the quarter-final stage of the County Antrim Association's centenary tournament. "Our second-half performance was slipshod and our defence conceded two goals that should never have been scored. But we will get it right for Saturday, you can depend on that," Coyle said after the 2-0 defeat against the Irish champions elect, Glentoran, at Windsor Park.

But Coyle, whose team can still win the championship itself, has selection problems for the league game against Ballymena United on Saturday. His captain, Jeffrey, is under suspension and Spiers, who had an outstanding game in Linfield's 1-0 win at the Oval over Glentoran in last Saturday's vital League game, developed fluid on the knee and is on crutches.

"I have not completely ruled Spiers out of Saturday's game, but he is obviously doubtful," Coyle said. Alan Dornan, however, is available after suspension and that eases my problems."

Coyle has failed only once to take Linfield into Europe — in his first season as player-manager, in 1975-76 — and has by no means conceded the League title to Glentoran. "They have a difficult task away at Colraine on Saturday, and the pressure of having to win to clinch the title will not make things any easier."

Withe returns to the fray

Peter Withe, the former England forward, is planning to resume his playing career to help Sheffield United in their struggle against relegation. Withe has not played since December, when doctors found a blood clot in his calf.

After treatment, he has been cleared to play and will be available for United's last two League matches and, if necessary, the play-offs.

Harford the heart-breaker

By Dennis Signy

Ray Harford, the Luton Town manager, is preparing for the hardest task of his managerial career this weekend — telling two of his regular players that they will not be in the side for the Littlewoods Cup final against Arsenal at Wembley.

"I think I have got to break somebody's heart by telling him he is not playing," Harford told a Football Writers' Association lunch meeting yesterday. The moment of truth will come when the Luton players train on Saturday 24 hours before the game.

Heart-break for two could mean joy for Kingsley-Black, a teenaged winger who has had only a handful of League games and has attracted the attention of Billy Bingham, the Northern Ireland manager, and about whom Harford waxes enthusiastic and eloquent. He likens him in style to Arnold Muhren, the Dutch international, who played for Ipswich Town and Manchester United.

Although Harford would only cautiously admit "I would love to be brave enough to put him in", it is almost certain that he will use Black wide on the left to provide Mick Harford with the service on which he thrives. "He is an old-fashioned wide player," Harford said. "Mick is always saying he should be in the team."

Ricky Hill, the England international, who has been out of action since Boxing Day with a broken leg and damaged ankle ligaments, is likely to regain his place after two reserve matches and a game at Wembley in the centenary celebrations. But Harford is unlikely to risk Preece, another long-term injury victim, who returned to the side against Queen's Park Rangers on Tuesday, and Hill together.

Donaghy, carried off at Wembley during last weekend's festival of football, is "60-40" to play, in Harford's estimation. His other doubt is Sealey, the goalkeeper, who has a shoulder injury. "I will leave a decision as late as I can," Harford said.

The Luton manager, whose honest and open approach to questioners has won him many admirers, assessed the game as Arsenal's pace versus his side's experience. The main threat to Luton, he said, was Rocastle.

His reasons for making changes at Wembley are his side's disappointing results since their Simod Cup defeats against Reading and the team's poor away form on grass. Performances had not been good enough for him to turn his back on players like Hill and Preece or to gamble on Black.

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

BARCLAYS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry 1, Everton 2; Luton 2, Queen's Park Rangers 1; Watford 1, Newcastle 1; Wimbledon 2, Portsmouth 2. Second division: Bournemouth 1, Millwall 2; Huddersfield 2, Oldham 0; Sheffield United 1, Plymouth 0. Third division: Aldershot 3, Mansfield 0; Chesterfield 2, Brentford 1. Fourth division: Bolton 0, Scunthorpe 0; Cambridge 1, Hartlepool 1; Carlisle 1, Halifax 1; Colchester 1, Hereford 0; Stockport 1, Darlington 1; Torquay 6, Newport 1.

SHERPA VAN TROPHY: Southern final: Second leg: Wolverhampton 3, Notts County 0. Wolverhampton win 4-1 on agg.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath 2, Lincoln 1; Runcorn 1, Altrincham 1; Wealdstone 2, Northwich 2.

WELSH FA CUP: Semi-final: Second leg: Wrexham 3, Kidderminster 2. Wrexham win 5-3 on agg.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday 1, Sunderland 5; Grimsby 0, Aston Villa 2. Second division: Rotherham 3, Stoke 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v Fareham, postponed; Willenhall 0, Cambridge City 3.

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Hayes 2, Bishops Stortford 0; Leytonstone-Ilford 1, Leyton-Wingate 1; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Yeovil 2. First division: Bracknell Town 1, Boreham Wood 7; Hampton 1, Staines 0; Leatherhead 3, Uxbridge 1; Lewes 3, Stevenage 0. Second division North: Clapton 1, Ware 3; Hertford Town 2, Haringey Borough 0; Letchworth GC 2, Berkhamsted 1; Royston Town 2, Barton Rovers 0; Witham Town 2, Finchley 0. Second division South: Chalfont 4, Camberley 1; Dorking 3, Hungerford Town 1; Epsom 0, Chertsey Town 1.

HALLS HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon Utd 2, Morris Motors 2.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Semi-final: Crawley 2, Dover 4.

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Arsenal 1, Nottingham Forest 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Tottenham 2, Norwich 0.

Welsh seek financial aid

The Welsh Football Association has made a plea to the Sports Council of Wales for more financial assistance. A three-man sub-committee from the Welsh FA met the council yesterday and told it that the Welsh director of coaching, Terry Casey, would have to be made redundant if funding levels were not increased.

Casey's salary, £20,000, was originally covered by the Council, but its grant has been reduced by 20 per cent. Alun Evans, the secretary of the Welsh FA, said large parts of the coaching programme would be jeopardized if the Council failed to increase its grant.

RUGBY UNION

Avenging Scots will be without both Armstrongs

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Scotland and Wales opened their under-21 series of internationals last season. It was not a good beginning for the Scots, who lost 39-19 at Wrexham, but they have the opportunity — as the oldest of the four home unions to run an international team at this level — to make good the deficit at Murrayfield on Saturday.

Unfortunately, they are without Gary Armstrong, the Jed-Forest scrum half who will tour Zimbabwe with Scotland in May. He damaged a kneecap playing in the bicentennial sevens in Sydney earlier this month and so misses the chance to partner again Chalmers, with whom he has formed a successful alliance. His brother, Kevin, is no more fortunate; he, too, is injured and has withdrawn from the Scottish back row.

Taylor, of the Army and London Scottish, comes in at scrum half and Dobson (Aberdeen University) at flanker, leaving only two survivors, Wilson (prop) and Watt (lock) from last year's match. Wales, likewise, have two players returning in Simon Davies (centre) and Griffiths (wing); they have also made an adjustment to their original selection, Adrian Davies withdrawing at stand-off half and Stevens replacing him.

Stevens, of the South Wales Police, has already been picked by the Combined Services and British Police for their tour to New Zealand next month and he will partner Bridges, who is contesting the scrum-half place with Booth in Neath's team for the Schweppes Welsh Cup final on May 7.

Many of the Welsh players have made their mark in senior club rugby this season, notably among the backs. They may bear in mind, too, that of the successful side at Wrexham last year three went on to win full caps within 10 months: Young and Webster played in the World Cup, Young, the Swansea prop, consolidating his place this season. Clement (a replacement in the under-21 international) was capped against England this year while Hall, last year's captain, goes with the senior Welsh party to New Zealand this summer.

Hitherto Wales have expressed no interest in extending their under-21 commitments, although England join the party next year when, for the first time, they will field an under-21 side, against Romania. There will also be an under-21 curtain-raiser to the John Player Special Cup final on April 30, when Yorkshire play Gloucestershire in the final of the junior county championship.

SCOTLAND UNDER-21: M Wright (Kelso, captain); A Stanger (Hawick), J Thomson (Kirkcaldy), M Walker (Bristol University), A Redburn (Melrose); C Chalmers (Melrose), M Taylor (Army and London Scottish); G Wilson (Boroughmuir), K McKenzie (Stirling County), P Wright (Boroughmuir), C Malone (Metropolitan Police), D Munro (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), A Watt (Glasgow High/Kelvinside), K Dobson (Aberdeen University), B Renwick (Hawick). Replacements: N McIlroy (Jed-Forest), B Hentley (Watsonians), C Hogg (Melrose), R Young (Selkirk), D Cameron (Glasgow Academicals), D Roxburgh (Glasgow Academicals).

WALES UNDER-21: R Jones (Cardiff); R Wintle (London Welsh), T Michael (Swansea), S Davies (Llanelli), A Griffiths (Ebbw Vale); I Stevens (South Wales Police), C Bridges (Neath); J Mainwaring (Pontypool, captain), L Phillips (Bridgend), R Buckley (Tredegar), E Lewis (Llanelli), S Roy (Bristol University), M Langley (Bridgend), M Bennett (Swansea), J Williams (Llanelli). Replacements: A Harries (Newbridge), P Roblin (London Welsh), A Booth (Neath), J Hudson (Loughborough University and Swansea), P Riley (St Mary's College, Twickenham), M Spiller (Ebbw Vale).

Referee: D Templeton (Ireland).

Financial boost for ARU

By David Hands

The Australian Rugby Union, whose drive to involve commerce and industry in its domestic game has increased dramatically during this decade, will receive a "healthy six-figure sum" from Ricoh Australia this year, in return for making the subsidiary of the Japanese camera firm its main sponsor.

Ricoh will sponsor not only the ARU's home internationals this year — against a World XV, England (two) and New Zealand (three) — but next autumn's tour to England and Scotland. In addition it will support New South Wales's games against England and New Zealand this summer.

Australia's international players will, therefore, sport the company's corporate logo on their traditional jerseys, becoming the first country able to take advantage of the new International Rugby Football Board ruling regarding the size of such logos. At the annual meeting last month the board increased permitted trademarks from six to nine square centimetres.

The New South Wales Rugby Union recently announced a financial restructuring plan worth Aus$15 million, backed by six leading banks, to stabilize Rugby Union within the state. Much of this is to guarantee completion of the new ground at Concord Oval, where the roofing of the east grandstand should be complete in time for the game against the World XV on May 15.

Ross Turnbull, one of Australia's two representatives on the IRFB, who has backed the move of international rugby in Sydney from the Sydney Cricket Ground to Concord, said: "We will be completing Concord Oval into a home ground that will soon be as prestigious as the world's famous grounds such as Twickenham, Cardiff Arms Park and Eden Park."

Argentina in favour of SA tour

Buenos Aires (Reuter) — The Argentinian Government will not prevent its Rugby Union players from joining a world team to tour South Africa, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Tuesday.

"The Government can stop teams from going to South Africa but not individual players," the spokesman said, adding that the Foreign Ministry had not received notice of any invitations to Argentinian players to tour South Africa this year.

Last month, South Africa announced it would invite players from seven rugby-playing nations, including Argentina, to make up a World XV to tour the republic in 1988 and 1989. The first tour would start in August.

The proposed tour was in response to a decision in March by the International Rugby Board to lift a ban on individuals playing in South Africa.

Carlos Tozzi, the Argentinian Rugby Union president, also said he had not heard of any invitations to local players. Tozzi said he did not know whether South Africa would issue its invitations directly to individual players or through the national unions.

However, he added that he thought it unlikely that South Africa could get such a plan off the ground in a short time. He said the 1988 international rugby calendar was already full.

African nations have threatened to withdraw from the Olympic Games in Seoul in September if the tour proceeds. Although no names have been mentioned, the invitations are likely to include Hugo Porta, the Argentinian captain and fly half.

Porta, a respected player in South Africa where he has been several times as an individual player and with a South American XV, was not available for comment on the proposed tours.

Good draw for Bristol

Simon Hogg, who has taken charge of Bristol's preparations for the Save and Prosper Middlesex seven-a-side tournament on May 7, was doubtless gratified to see that the draw for the finals has given his club a match against Exeter University, for whom he appeared four times in the competition when he was a student (David Hands writes).

In addition, Bristol have beaten the university — though not by much — in the two tournaments which form their build-up to the Middlesex event. They won 20-18 in the final of the Bournemouth sevens and 14-10 on the way to winning the Oxfordshire sevens (against Richmond) last weekend.

The only newcomers to Twickenham on May 7 will be Old Beccehamians, who meet Eton Manor. Harlequins, the holders, have drawn London Irish. Loughborough University, who meet Wasps, have recently returned from a tour to the United States, where they lost two of their eight games and won the Philadelphia Media tournament.

DRAW: Rosslyn Park II v London Scottish I; Rosslyn Park I v London Scottish II; Wasps v Loughborough University; Exeter University v Bristol; Cork Constitution v Askeans; Old Beccehamians v Eton Manor; Worthing v Harlequins II; London Irish v Harlequins I.

TENNIS

Lendl relieved to be back on court

From Richard Evans, Monte Carlo

A brave attempt at heroics by Christian Bergstrom, a speedy little Swede who is ranked 92nd in the world, enlivened Ivan Lendl's return to the grand prix circuit on a cold, grey afternoon in the second round of the Volvo Monte Carlo Open yesterday.

Lendl won, 7-6, 7-5, but not before Bergstrom, using up every inch of the centre court as he sprinted after the Czech's raking drive, had given the world No. 1 all the match play he needed after a two-month lay-off with a foot injury.

Afterwards Lendl, in his elder statesman role, tried to play down the whole affair, but still did not hide his relief at being back where he belonged — on a tennis court.

Admitting that he had not hit the ball as hard or as confidently as normal, Lendl insisted it was a typical introduction to the clay-court season for him.

"At 20 or 22 I got upset when I did not win," he said. "But now I am a bit older I accept that you cannot play great all the time. I am sure I am going to lose some matches before the French Open, but that will not matter."

Lendl has become a past master at taking the pressure off himself, and went on to say: "I know there are some people in this room who think I am finished, and I really enjoy reading all that stuff at 7.30 over my breakfast."

He was smiling wryly as he said it, but deep down Lendl is a proud man and so far the year has not been an easy one for him. Partially because of the injury, he has yet to win a tournament and has become embroiled in some unpleasant legal battles in the United States where he is being sued for a total of $12.5 million, first by his former management company, Pro Serv, and second by a friend who alleges Lendl agreed to make a film with him and then changed his mind.

Given all that, it was not surprising Lendl expressed a certain relief at being back on court. "I have done all the dirty work in the gym and on the bicycle, and now it is good to be back with the nice part, playing matches," he said.

RESULTS: Second round: A Chesnokov (USSR) bt U Stenlund (Swe), 6-3, 6-4; J Arrese (Sp) bt S Zivojinovic (Yug), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4; M Jaite (Arg) bt A Mancini (Arg), 6-2, 6-1; M Wilander (Swe) bt N Kroon (Swe), 6-4, 6-2; K Carlsson (Swe) bt R Osterthun (WG), 6-2, 6-4; I Lendl (Cz) bt C Bergstrom (Swe), 7-6, 7-5.

Loosemore goes down after two-hour tussle

From Barry Wood, Singapore

Sarah Loosemore demonstrated yesterday how fine a prospect she is by challenging Anne Minter, the Australian No. 1 who is ranked 24th in the world, for almost two hours in the second round of the DHL Singapore Open, before losing 6-0, 5-7, 6-4 (Barry Wood writes).

Loosemore, aged 16 and still attending school at New College, Cardiff, played a full part in an exceedingly close match. Ranked 245, she recovered from a poor first set and a 5-3 deficit in the second, and still refused to give up the match when 5-1 down in the third.

In that first set, Loosemore rarely got into her stride and was in danger of being overwhelmed, but once she settled she was able to stand on an equal footing in the rallies, and used her forehand to good effect to unsettle the defending champion.

"In the first set I was struggling in the heat, but by halfway through the second I got used to it and went for my shots more," she explained. "This has proved to me that I am up there with the top players. I played well when I was down and that's good, but I'm annoyed that I couldn't go up the other step that I need."

RESULTS: First round (correction): M Javer (GB) bt L Antonoplis (US), 6-2, 6-1. Second round: A Minter (Aus) bt S Loosemore (GB), 6-0, 5-7, 6-4; M Jaggard (Aus) bt A De Vries (Bel), 7-5, 6-3; C Bakkum (Neth) bt G Fernandez (P Rico), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

FOR THE RECORD

BOXING

GLASGOW: Light welterweight (10 rnds): George Baigrie (Edinburgh) bt Michael Marsden (Leeds), ko 1st rnd. Lightweight (10rnds): Steve Boyle (Glasgow) bt Mark Brannon (US), rsc 4th. Welterweight (12 rnds for Commonwealth Championship): Gary Jacobs (Glasgow) bt Wilf Gentzen (Aus), pts.

BLACKPOOL: George Wimpey ABA Championships British semi-finals: Light flyweight: R Regan (Wales) bt I Lang (North West Counties), pts; M Cantwell (London) bt W Docherty (Sco), w/o. Fly: J Lyon (North West Counties) bt K Jenkins (Wales), ret 1st; D Docherty (Sco) bt M Clark (London), pts.

Bantam: T Howlett (Combined Services) bt M Devaney (Sco), rsc 3rd rnd; M Ward (London) bt S Ward (Wales), rsc 3rd rnd. Feather: D Anderson (Sco) bt J Irwin (North East Counties), pts; C McMillan (London) bt R Edwards (Wales), pts. Light: C Kane (Sco) bt S Nolan (London), pts; M Ramsey (Midland Counties) bt A Khan (Wal), ko 1st. Light-welter: A Hall (NE Counties) bt M Smyth (Wal), pts; J Talbot (London) bt J Pender (Sco), pts.

Welter: M McCreath (Midland Counties) bt J Hudd (Wales), pts, R Wileman (Comb Services) bt P Dolan (Sco), pts. Light-middle: W Ellis (Wales) bt N Brown (Midland Counties), rsc 2nd; W Nell (NE Counties) bt J Allison (Sco), rsc 1st. Middle: N Piper (Wal) bt P Busby (Midland Counties), pts; M Edwards (Comb Services) bt G Watson (Sco), pts.

Light-heavy: H Lawson (Sco) bt T Dixon (London), pts; M Corre (NW Counties) bt D Hitchings (Wales), w.o. Heavy: H Hylton (Western Counties) bt D Fearn (Wales), pts; H Akinwande (London) bt R Martin (Sco), rsc 2nd. Super heavy: K McCormack (Wales) bt C Mitchell (Midland Counties), disq; S Woollaston (Western Counties) bt L Maxwell (Scotland), ret 2nd.

FOOTBALL

FRENCH CUP: Third round, first leg: Lille 1, Auxerre 0; Toulouse 1, Nice 1; Montpellier 2, Sochaux 2; Metz 1, Mulhouse 0; Reims 2, Le Havre 0; Sete 0, Lens 0; La Roche-sur-Yon 1, Quimper 3; Chatellerault 0, Creteil 0.

WEST GERMAN LEAGUE: Bochum 1, Hanover 1; Bayer Uerdingen 5, Schalke 2.

GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath 2, Lincoln 1; Runcorn 1, Altrincham 1; Wealdstone 2, Northwich 2.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday 1, Sunderland 5; Grimsby 0, Aston Villa 2. Second division: Rotherham 3, Stoke 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v Fareham, postponed; Willenhall 0, Cambridge City 3;

VAUXHALL OPEL LEAGUE: Premier division: Hayes 2, Bishops Stortford 0; Leytonstone-Ilford 1, Leyton-Wingate 1; Tooting and Mitcham 1, Yeovil 2. First division: Bracknell Town 1, Boreham Wood 7; Hampton 1, Staines 0; Leatherhead 3, Uxbridge 1; Lewes 3, Stevenage 0. Second division North: Clapton 1, Ware 3; Hertford Town 2, Haringey Borough 0; Letchworth GC 2, Berkhamsted 1; Royston Town 2, Barton Rovers 0; Witham Town 2, Finchley 0. Second division South: Chalfont 4, Camberley 1; Dorking 3, Hungerford Town 1; Epsom 0, Chertsey Town 1.

WELSH FA CUP: Semi-final: Second leg: Wrexham 3, Kidderminster 2. Wrexham win 5-3 on agg.

HALLS HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Abingdon Utd 2, Morris Motors 2.

KNIGHT FLOODLIT CUP: Semi-final: Crawley 2, Dover 4.

FA YOUTH CUP: Semi-final: First leg: Arsenal 1, Nottingham Forest 1.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Tottenham 2, Norwich 0.

ICE HOCKEY

NORTH AMERICA: Stanley Cup play-offs: Second round (best-of-seven series): Norris division: Detroit Red Wings 5, St Louis Blues 4 (Detroit lead 1-0). Smythe division: Edmonton Oilers 3, Calgary Flames 1 (Edmonton lead 1-0).

BASKETBALL

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Boston Celtics 121, Detroit Pistons 110; Atlanta Hawks 119, New Jersey Nets 109 (OT); Chicago Bulls 121, New York Knicks 116; Philadelphia 76ers 115, Milwaukee Bucks 102; Dallas Mavericks 104, Houston Rockets 96; Los Angeles Lakers 133, San Antonio Spurs 126; Denver Nuggets 134, Seattle Supersonics 114; Phoenix Suns 122, Golden State Warriors 107; Utah Jazz 129, Portland Trail Blazers 122; Sacramento Kings 120, Los Angeles Clippers 105.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National League: Montreal Expos 9, Chicago Cubs 1; Pittsburgh Pirates 3, St Louis Cardinals 0; Cincinnati Reds 6, San Francisco Giants 0; Philadelphia Phillies 10, New York Mets 2; Atlanta Braves 5, Houston Astros 4. American League: Milwaukee Brewers 9, Baltimore Orioles 5; Texas Rangers 3, Cleveland Indians 0; Boston Red Sox 7, Detroit Tigers 3; Toronto Blue Jays 12, Kansas City Royals 3; Chicago White Sox 7, Seattle Mariners 2; Oakland Athletics 8, California Angels 3.

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TENNIS

HOUSTON: Houston women's championship: Singles: First round: M Navratilova (US) bt I Budarova (Cz), 7-6, 6-1; C Evert (US) bt M Lindstrom (Swe), 6-2, 6-2; L Porurl (US) bt L Spadea (US), 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; P Tarabini (Arg) bt A Holikova (Cz), 6-1, 6-3; D Van Rensburg (SA) bt D Faber (US), 5-7, 6-2, 6-2; C Cunningham (US) bt T Whittington (US), 6-2, 7-5; I Cueto (WG) bt K Schimper (SA), 6-2, 6-4.

SEOUL: South Korean Open: Second round: D Goldie (US) bt R Saad (Arg), 6-2, 6-4; J Frawley (Aus) bt G Layendecker (US), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4; E Teltscher (US) bt Y Jin-sun (S Kor), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2; J Rive (P Rico) bt C Bailey (GB), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; T Nelson (US) bt M Anger (US), 1-6, 6-3, 6-3; G Holmes (US) bt A Agassi (US), 6-3, 6-2.

QUEEN'S CLUB, London: Hi-Tech International Satellite Circuit: First round: Men: R Gilbert (Fr) bt J Turner (Avon), 6-4, 6-1; P Wekesa (Ken) bt M Ozer (US), 6-3, 6-2; A Dalboni (It) bt D Felgate (Essex), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; D MacBride (US) bt C Clark (Bucks), 6-2, 6-3; R Rasheed (Aus) bt S Cole (Surrey), 6-1, 6-4; D Ison (Leics) bt C Turich (Aus), 1-6, 6-3, 6-4; T Bischof (Austria) beat S Samson (Fr), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2; V Ransom (Essex) bt J Fisette (Bel), 6-4, 3-0 ret. Second round: A Anderson (Aus) bt E Dewance (Bel), 6-3, 1-6, 6-2; P Pech (Fr) bt C Beecher (Kent), 6-1, 6-2; Wekesa bt Dalboni, 6-2, 6-3. Women: First round: P Thoren (Fin) bt J Tacon (Norfolk), 6-2, 6-4; C Bernstein (Swe) bt D Parnell (Cheshire), 6-2, 6-1; A Grossman (US) bt M Yamanda (Jap), 6-4, 6-0; C Bonnet (Fr) bt D Cortas (Isr), 6-7, 7-5, 6-4; S Godman (Surrey) bt F Hugonnet (Fr), 6-4, 6-1; C Dahlman (Swe) bt A Hill (Devon), 7-5, 7-6; F Martin (Fr) bt C Linneman (WG), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; J Louis (Devon) bt A Radics (Arg), 3-6, 6-4, 6-4. Second round: P Thoren (Fin) bt M Lundquist (Swe), 6-3, 6-0; Dahlman bt L O'Halloran (Ire), 6-3, 6-1.

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Old boy wonder day-dreams of beating new one

By Steve Acteson

Jimmy White's favourite day-dream ends with Steve Davis sitting dejectedly in his chair while he, White, holds aloft the Embassy world snooker championship trophy at the end of a memorable final.

Stephen Hendry, however, will be uppermost in White's thoughts today when the pair meet in the first session of their three-day, best-of-25-frames second-round match.

Hendry, aged 19, the Scottish champion, has four chances to overhaul Alex Higgins as the youngest winner of the title, White having missed his chance by losing 16-15 to Higgins in the 1982 semi-finals.

"It took me about six months to get over that disappointment," White admitted. "I'd already been the youngest-ever English and world amateur champion and if I had achieved the hat-trick I would have set a record that I don't think could ever have been beaten.

"I'm glad I'm playing Hendry in the early rounds because if I ever win the world championship I want to beat Davis to do it. Mind you, I'll accept it if he doesn't get to the final."

White will be 26 on May 2, the last day of the final, and said: "I enjoyed it when I was snooker's boy wonder but Stephen is the boy wonder now and I'm an old man. He has come through far more quickly than I did, he's taken the game by storm and survived all the pressures. He has a tremendous attitude and loves the big stage."

White began the season with two titles, the Rothmans Grand Prix and the British Open, both now in the possession of Hendry. White has lost their two tournament meetings this season but said: "Best of 25 is a different matter. I'm going into the game with an open mind but if I play as well as I have been in practice I'll win."

Steve James marked his Crucible debut as the lowest-ranked player in the field at world No. 67 by defeating the No. 12 seed, Rex Williams, 10-6. James wrote off his £7,000 BMW a week before the championship and was lucky to survive with minor injuries.

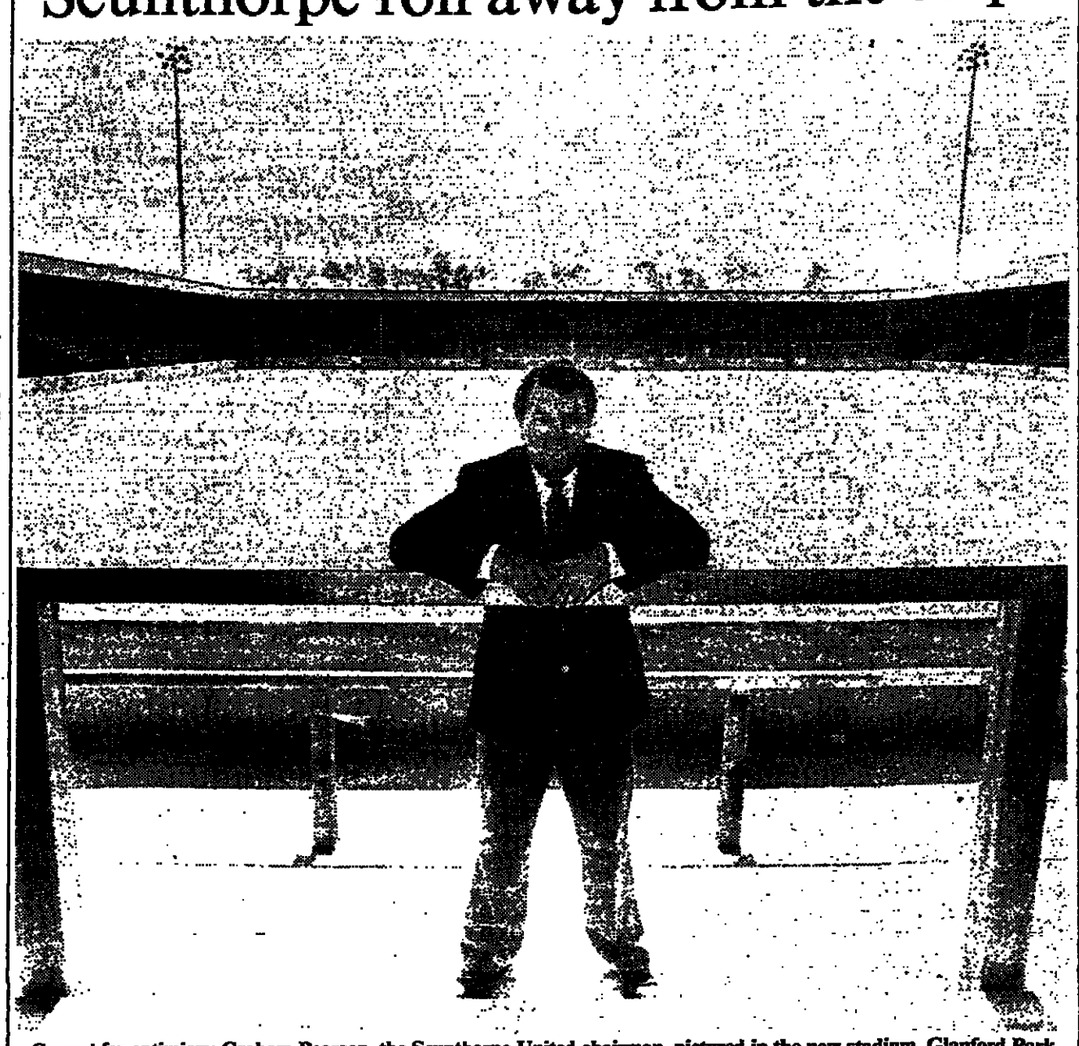
He is in the position to afford a new car, for even if he loses to Joe Johnson, the 1986 champion, in the second round, he will have earned £7,125; and he is also the front runner for the £9,500 high-break prize for his total clearance of 140 in the eighth frame of the match.

John Parrott, of Liverpool, also successfully negotiated the first round, beating Warren King, the Australian champion, 10-4.

RESULTS: First round: Yesterday: S James (Eng) bt R Williams (Eng) 10-6. Frame scores (Williams first): 41-79, 22-62, 104-9, 60-29, 70-13, 26-104, 0-94, 0-140, 51-68, 69-23, 67-54, 43-76, 13-83, 1-65, 83-16, 18-62. J Parrott (Eng) bt W King (Aus) 10-4. Frame scores (Parrott first): 108-1, 10-68, 2-71, 81-51, 72-14, 52-25, 15-54, 66-3, 56-45, 67-40, 87-19, 38-82, 64-42, 65-35. D Mountjoy (Wal) leads G West (Eng) 5-3. Frame scores (Mountjoy first): 53-38, 29-84, 100-20, 32-73, 76-15, 62-14, 68-30, 24-76. Tuesday: W Thorne (England) bt P Francisco (SA) 10-6. Frame scores (Thorne first): 91-18, 43-62, 65-51, 54-62, 0-101, 72-23, 0-74, 82-13, 62-39, 67-49, 33-75, 23-97, 99-0, 80-33, 76-6, 78-29.

ORDER OF PLAY TODAY: 3 p.m.: First round: C Thorburn (Can) v K Stevens (Can), to finish. Second round: S Hendry (Scot) v J White (Eng), first session, 7.30: Second round: S Davis (Eng) v M Hallett (Eng), first session. First round: N Foulds (Eng) v W Jones (Wales), to finish.

Scunthorpe roll away from the slope



Ground for optimism: Graham Pearson, the Scunthorpe United chairman, pictured in the new stadium, Glanford Park

Stadium to break new ground

By Martin Searby

The finishing touches are being put to the first purpose-built Football League ground to be opened for 42 years, and as Scunthorpe United prepare to move from their famous, if dilapidated, Old Show Ground they may be the first in an exodus of clubs from valuable town and city sites.

The new arena built just yards from the foot of the M181, will hold 12,000 spectators, all under cover, and provide 1500 car parking spaces.

The scheme is the brainchild of Graham Pearson, the Scunthorpe chairman, who was within days of calling in the liquidators as debts piled up and the club faced an estimate of £350,000 to bring the Old Show Ground up to the standards demanded by the safety regulations.

"Nobody wanted to help and we were genuinely down and out," Pearson said. He is head of a number of construction companies, none of which, it should be said, are involved in the Scunthorpe project. "Our only hope was to sell the ground but we had to get the planning permission for development and that took some doing with a final vote in the council chamber of 18-15 with four abstentions.

"But with that behind us we were able to sell to a supermarket chain for £2.9 million and bought the 15-acre site for £85,000 which was about half the price the council were asking for similar land."

The total cost of the all-steel and concrete stadium will come out at £2.2 million but with success on the field this season the fourth division side will have risen again to face promotion in ideal surroundings and with money in the bank.

The new ground, to be called Glanford Park, will open on August 14.

"We are very proud of what we have achieved," Pearson said. "The construction is really based on the Meccano principle with various pieces able to be lifted out and replaced with bigger structures if they become necessary. We have special ramps for the disabled, a creche, and headphones for the blind and partially-sighted. We let children under 14 in free, if with an adult, there is close-circuit television for the police and even holding cells under the stand."

Scunthorpe are hoping that the Football Grounds Improvement Trust will see fit to provide the money for a lift, necessary to meet council standards for the disabled. Few will regret the passing of the Old Show Ground, and certainly not the players, who can now perform on a surface without the seven foot slope. Already others are looking at the nuts and bolts of Pearson's inspiration, including the Hull Rugby League Club, and it cannot be long before teams with valuable sites sell up and move to the fringe, bringing prosperity for them and peace to town centres.

END COLUMN

Greig is critical of points system

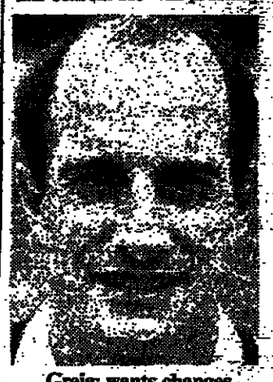
By Andrew Longmore

As the counties embark on the first of their six four-day Britannic Assurance county championship matches today, the format of the four-day game has come under attack from Surrey captain, Ian Greig. Greig is not against four-day cricket — in fact, just the opposite — but he is critical of the way the three-day system of bonus points, with a cut-off at 100 overs, has simply been transferred to the four-day game. That, says Greig, destroys the point of the whole exercise, which is to produce better Test cricketers.

"We obviously have to abide by the decision taken by the TCCB, which is the counties, but the idea of four-day cricket according to the Palmer Report was to improve the standard of first-class cricket in this country and provide a better stepping stone for our future Test players by making the county game as near Test-match conditions as possible," Greig, who has the full support of the Surrey committee, said. "The current points structure for four-day cricket seems to nullify that completely.

"Take David Capel, for example. Coming at No. 5 with Northamptonshire 250 for three after 85 overs, he will still have to slog as soon as he gets in to ensure that his side get the 50 runs for the extra batting bonus point inside the 100 over limit. Quite possibly, he will lose his wicket doing so. That is no preparation for a Test match.

"I could well have the same situation with David Ward this season. He will probably



Greig: wants changes

get a chance, with Trevor Jesty released, to make his mark as a county cricketer but he will also have to do what's best for the team. Sometimes I will have to instruct him to have a go. So he gets out, his average doesn't look so good at the end of the season, but people have forgotten the circumstances he was under."

The solution suggested by Greig and proposed by his county at a recent TCCB meeting for adoption during the current season is simply that the number of bonus points should remain the same but that there should be no 100-over limit. In addition, counties should fall into line with Test cricket by having a new ball after 85 and not 100 overs. "That would give a player like Capel the opportunity of facing the new ball more often than he does now," Greig said.

Equally, says Greig, that system would give more incentive to bowlers to take wickets rather than defend. "In three-day cricket, when the 100 overs comes near, captains have to switch into a one-day way of thinking. We want to pick up bowling bonus points, so if the other side is going well, my best chance of getting them out is to tell my bowlers to keep it tight, forget about trying to take wickets and hope to pick up a couple by frustrating the batsmen into making mistakes.

"Quite often, I find myself giving instructions to my young batsmen or young spinners which I would rather not do, but you can win and lose championships on the odd bonus point, so I have no choice. The current system emphasizes the negative side of the game the whole time and I don't see that the introduction of the four-day game is going to make any difference."

The TCCB's response to Surrey's proposal was that a different system for bonus points in three and four-day cricket would confuse the public, but the Surrey captain does not think that a valid argument.

"The people who come to watch championship cricket in midweek are real cricket lovers. They know what's going on. I can see that you need to have some uniformity in the game and don't want to be changing regulations the whole time, but the force of the argument is, in my opinion, so strong that it's vital that the Board look at the proposal again at the end of the season."

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Lewis still unsure of Olympic target

Houston (Reuter) — Even though the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) has put back the start of this summer's Olympic long jump final by 55 minutes, Tom Tellez, who coaches Carl Lewis, is still not convinced that Lewis will have enough time to make a realistic bid for four gold medals at the Games.

"I'm not saying he couldn't do it, but it's certainly not very feasible," Tellez said after learning of the IAAF decision made last weekend.

Tellez indicated he would ask United States athletics officials to file a second petition with the IAAF asking for additional time between the second round of the 200 metres and the long jump final, on September 26, before deciding whether Lewis should seek gold medals in the 100 metres, 200 metres, long jump and 4 x 100 metres relay.

Lewis won gold medals in those events in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles under a different timetable, and asked officials from The Athletics Congress (TAC), the American governing body, earlier this year to petition the IAAF to change its Olympics schedule to provide more time between the early rounds of the 200 metres and the long jump final so he could again attempt the four events.

That prompted the IAAF decision, which increased the time between the two events from five minutes to one hour. "But that may still not be enough," Tellez said.

"Carl can do four events, but it would not be in his best interest because he could get hurt, being fatigued. I don't think he should have to run two rounds of the 200 and compete in the long jump final in that short a time period."

The revised schedule calls for the first round of the 200 metres to be held at 11.00 a.m. Seoul time, with the second round at 2.00 p.m. and the long jump final at 3.00 p.m.

Tellez would like a different approach. "What they should do is have both rounds of the 200 earlier in the day," he said. "Then Carl would have all afternoon to recover and then jump at night, as he did in Los Angeles."

TAC officials have already revised the US Olympic trials' schedule to provide six hours between the second round of the 200 metres and the long jump final, and Tellez said Lewis would attempt all four events there.

"Then we'll make a decision what Carl wants to do in Seoul," he said. "You would think they [the IAAF] would want to encourage him to compete in four events again, but they didn't do anything with their first decision. It's ridiculous."

Thompson will not miss Seoul

By Pat Butcher
Athletics Correspondent

Daley Thompson, going for an unprecedented third Olympic decathlon gold medal in Seoul, said last night that he would not be prepared to forgo that chance in defence of Zola Budd.

But Thompson accused the International Amateur Athletic Federation of "cheating" in the attempt to ban her and he urged the British Amateur Athletic Board to defend her.

Talking on BBC Television's *Sportsnight*, Thompson said: "I believe that the IAAF are cheating. They are changing the rules in order to make ends meet. If we don't defend her . . . because she is British, after all . . . they can change the rules at any time to get rid of anybody out of track and field.

"What kind of governing body could find a supposed indiscretion in one person and then threaten to ban a hundred innocent people?"

Asked about the attitude of the British board, Thompson said: "If they [the board] find she has committed no crime, she should be put in the team and be taken to Seoul."

But when Thompson was asked if he was prepared to miss the Olympic Games in Budd's defence, he said: "To be honest, at this point in time, no. I'm not. And most of the people who say they would be happy (to do so) haven't a chance in hell of actually coming away with anything. My decision may have been different had she tried a little harder to mix and integrate and be one of us."

● Sir Hector Munro, Sir Neil Macfarlane, Sir Eldon Griffiths and Richard Tracey, all former Sports Ministers, are among 113 signatories to John Carlisle's early day motion in the House of Commons urging the BAAB to reject the IAAF's recommendation that Budd should be suspended. The motion states: "Each governing body should be able to select any competitor free from politcal or outside pressure, particularly when that athlete is proved innocent of any offence under international rules".

Smith dismissed by St Mirren

Alex Smith was dismissed as manager of St Mirren yesterday, 11 months after he guided the club to a Scottish Cup success. The Paisley club, which sacked Smith's assistant, Jimmy Bone, last month, decided to release Smith because St Mirren have plunged close to the relegation zone.

The move has resulted in a reshuffle at the club, with the chairman, Yule Craig, resigning and Tony Fitzpatrick, the captain, taking over as player-manager until the end of the season.

Smith and Bone, who succeeded Alex Miller in December 1986, seemed prepared for a long and harmonious stay at Love Street after steering the club to a Scottish Cup triumph — the club's first significant trophy in 29 years.

However, the problems started when Bone was involved in a dressing-room altercation with a senior player, Frank McGarvey, in September, which ended in the dismissal of the assistant manager last month.

Then the "Ian Ferguson affair" involving Rangers was mishandled and, in recent months, St Mirren's form in the League has deteriorated. They also lost the Scottish Cup at the first hurdle this time around, beaten by Clydebank.

● Blackburn Rovers could be without their first choice left back, Chris Sulley, for the last four games of the second division promotion run-in. Sulley, who has been troubled by a nagging groin injury, has missed four of the last six games and could not appear in the Football League centenary tournament at wembley last weekend.

● Alan Shearer, aged 17, who scored a treble for Southampton against Arsenal earlier this month in his first full match, signed professional forms yesterday. Also signed on professional forms at the Dell today were the twins, Rodney and Raymond Wallace, aged 18 and brothers of the first-team forward, Danny Wallace.

● Ian Atkins, the Ipswich Town club captain, is to return to his native Midlands by signing for Birmingham City in a £30,000 deal. Atkins, aged 31, has decided to accept the offer of a move to St Andrews following a successful spell on loan, when the club pulled clear of the second division relegation zone.

Veivers out with broken thumb

By Keith Macklin

St Helens yesterday became the latest top Rugby League club to be hit by the end-of-season injury jinx. Their Australian full back, Phil Veivers, has a broken thumb and will miss Sunday's Premiership first round tie against Castleford.

The second division club, Springfield Borough, have moved the kick-off time in their Premiership tie with Sheffield Eagles from 3 p.m. on Sunday to 6.30 p.m. to avoid a clash with the first division Premiership game involving Wigan a few miles down the road.

Whitehaven have dismissed their coach, John McFarlane, after the former second row forward had spent just over six months in the job. McFarlane took over from Phil Kitchin early in the season but Whitehaven had a string of bad results and finished low in the second division table.

Another victim of failure is the Swinton chairman, Ian Clift. They have been relegated and Clift said: "We've had a poor season, and we've been promoted and relegated four times in four seasons.

"I don't consider that to be success."

● First division-bound Oldham Rugby League club has stepped up its move for Australian stand-off half player, Steve Ella, with the offer of a two-year deal.

After talks with Ella in Sydney yesterday, the Oldham director, Jim Knox, said: "He wants a two-year contract and that's what we have offered him. There are other clubs interested but we are optimistic about he outcome."

Oldham, who have made a similar approach for Australian Test forward Noel Cleal, expect decisions from both players next week.

Oldham prop Neil Clawson's transfer request has been shelved until he has met the board for talks.

● The Wigan centre, Dean Bell, successfully appealed against a sin-bin offence and the caution was expunged from the records by the Rugby League's disciplinary commituee in Leeds yesterday.

Bell, the New Zealand international, is a key figure in Wigan's bid to win both the Cup and Premiership in the final stages of the season.

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Classic sprinting gives Kelly a timely boost

Wevelgem (AFP) — Sean Kelly won his first cycling classic for two years by taking the fiftieth Ghent to Wevelgem race yesterday. It was his first success since the Paris to Roubaix in 1986, and also a lucky return for the Irishman to the Belgian race that he has not taken part in for the last five years.

Kelly, aged 32, won in a sprint 100 metres from the finish line ahead of Gianni Bugno, of Italy, and Ron Kiefel, of the United States.

The leading pack pulled ahead at the punishing Kemmel slope, 27 kilometres into the 275-kilometre race. Ludo Peeters, who finished fourth, and Claude Criquielion (fifth) were the first away, but Kelly read the danger and followed suit with Kiefel and Bugno.

The leaders built up a 30-second lead over the next group — Steve Bauer, of Canada, Fons de Wolf and Rudy Dhaenens, of Belgium, and Soeren Lilholt, of Denmark — from which some of the race favourites were noticeable by their absence.

Eric Vanderaerden, of Belgium, for whom the Ghent to Wevelgem classic was one of the final chances to get in on the winners' lists in the spring classics, was left behind after the second climb up the Kemmel hill.

Criquielion launched the final push for the finish, but Kelly surged 100 metres from the line and took the race for an important psychological boost five days before the start of the Tour of Spain. Bauer won the sprint in the second pack to take sixth place.

● CERIGNOLA: Stefano Allocchio, of Italy, triumphed in a sprint finish to take the second stage of the Tour of Apulia, in Italy, yesterday for his first stage win in three years (Reuter reports). Allochio nudged just clear of the pack to claim the 175-kilometre stage in which more than 100 riders clocked the same time of 4hr 15min 22sec.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Ethiopians undecided

Amsterdam (Reuter) — The decision by Ethiopia to boycott the Olympic Games was still not final. Nigussie Roba, the national marathon coach, has announced. "Our Olympic commitjee has instructed us to prepare the athletes to compete and if everything can be worked out we will be there," he said.

On Sunday, Belayneh Dinsamo, who will head the three-member Ethiopian marathon team if they appear in Seoul, shaved 22 seconds off the world best time in the Rotterdam Marathon, recording 2hr 6min 50sec.

Famous sons

Damon Hill, son of the late world champion, Graham Hill, and Gary Brabham, son of former triple world champion, Jack Brabham, are opposed at Donnington Park on Sunday in a British Formula Three race.

Brown: entered for Epson

A rare treat

Ken Brown, who plays most of his golf on the United States tour, will make a rare appearance in Europe when he plays in the Epson Grand Prix Match-play championship at St Pierre from May 5 to 8.

Aiming high

Birmingham Bullets, from the Carlsberg Basketball League, will play in the enlarged first division of the National League next season.

Title defence

Pat Cowdell, of Birmingham, will attempt to win his second Lonsdale belt outright when he defends his British super-featherweight title against Floyd Havard, of Wales, in Abcravon on May 18.

Mark equalled

Milwaukee (Reuter) — The Baltimore Orioles equalled the Major League Baseball record of 13 consecutive defeats to start a season by losing 9-5 to the Milwaukee Brewers on Tuesday night.

Fulham lure

Fulham Rugby League Club has offered contracts to the Australians, Glen Haggath and Pat O'Docherty, who play for Ipswich in Brisbane.

Stepping down

Ian Clift, the Swinton Rugby League Club chairman, resigned yesterday after the club had been relegated for the second time in three seasons.

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